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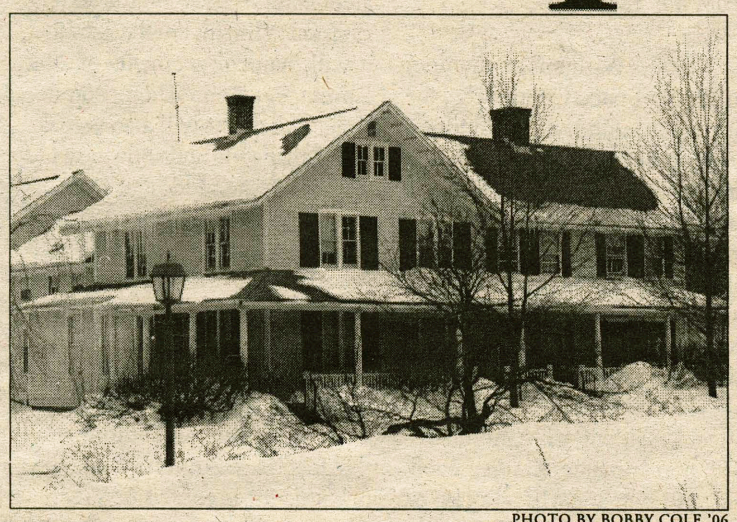

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The Farmhouse will be selected in a separate housing lottery, along with Milbank and Babbitt Halls.

Housing lottery numbers to be averaged for Farmhouse, Milbank and Babbitt Halls

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS EDITOR

Suites and apartments in Milbank Hall, Babbitt Hall and the Root Farmhouse will be chosen in a separate housing lottery this year, according to Director of Residential Life Jeff Landry. Groups of four through seven students will apply for specific size apartments or suites, depending on the size of the block they are seeking. The selection order will be determined by averaging the assigned lottery numbers of each student in a group, with class year being weighted, Landry said.

The Residence Hall Council (RHC) was charged earlier this semester by ResLife to make the lottery process run more smoothly and to make it fairer for all students.

"There had been some questions from faculty, administrators and from President Stewart about how fair the current lottery process was, about the suites in particular," said RHC President Adam Lalor '04.

According to Landry and Lalor, these questions concerned the number of underclassmen, particularly sophomores, living in desirable housing.

"The goal of this [new system] is to make the lottery as fair as possible and to have value to all class years. We've always said that you'll get what's perceived to be better housing each year," Lalor said.

Despite current regulations allowing a maximum of three sophomores to live in any individual suite, Milbank houses more sophomores than any other class year, Landr said. ResLife believes that Milbank is highly desirable housing and that older students should have priority in choosing to live there.

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Adler Conference to focus on Hamilton's Alcohol Culture

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS WRITER

The Adler Conference is an annual Hamilton tradition that is almost four decades old. Each year, students, faculty, and members of the administration gather to discuss a variety of relevant and important issues on campus. Student Assembly puts on the conference, and this year the Coalition on Alcohol will be sponsoring and facilitating it. This coalition, whose members were selected by President Stewart, has been charged with investigating the alcohol culture on campus and with developing workable solutions to the College's alcohol problem. Both the Coalition and members of Student Assembly hope that students will actively participate at Adler and will give essential and much-needed input.

Adler 2004, titled "Hamilton's Alcohol Culture: Generating Solutions," will be held on Friday, February 27. As

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Social Science Building Committee considers plans for $20-25 million KJ extension

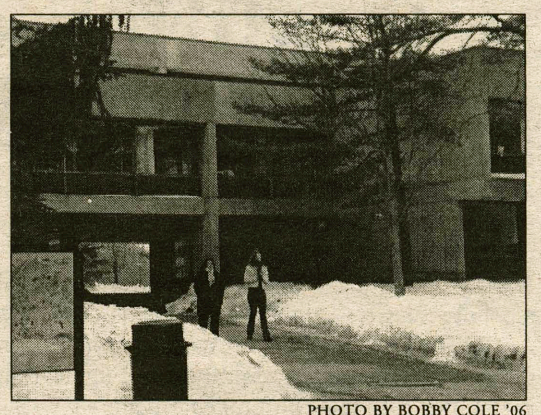
by Christopher Takacs '05
EDITOR EMERITUS

The Social Science Building Committee (SSBC) is in the process of discussing and obtaining student feedback for its first-draft plans to thoroughly renovate and expand the Kirner-Johnson building (KJ). Proposed models would add numerous classrooms, offices, student workspaces and possibly a central atrium.

One of the plans, still in its initial stages, extends KJ North so that it meets with Martin's way, and redirects the road that separates the two around Milbank and Babbitt, joining Babbitt circle with Major circle next to Minor Field. This plan, one of the main ones currently under consideration, would give large amounts of space for student work and would provide lockers and work areas for senior projects. The plan also includes a central common area, as well as increased space for the Writing Center, the Levitt Center, and the Oral Communications Center, according to Christian A. Johnson Excellence in Teaching Professor of Sociology Daniel Chambliss.

A further goal of the plan, according to Chambliss, is to house offices for the entire social science faculty in KJ, a measure that would geographically unify the disciplines on campus.

According to Professor of Economics Christophre Georges, the head of SSBC, some of the prototype designs had KJ expanding in the back, towards minor field, while others had it moving more towards Beinecke in the north. Currently, the committee and the architects have agreed that it will "most likely expand in the front," according to Georges.



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Under one proposed plan, the space between KJ and Martin's Way, including the road, would be taken up by the a large building expansion.

According to Director of the Nesbitt-Johnston Writing Cen-

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Hamilton Democrats, professors foster political discussion

by Kathleen McGrory '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With hopes of increasing political activism among students, the Hamilton College Democrats hosted a discussion regarding the Democratic primaries and the upcoming presidential election. The conversation, which took place over lunch this past Tuesday, featured Professors of Government Richard Skinner, Alan Cafruny and Peter Cannavo.

"Hamilton sometimes tends to lean on the politically inactive side," said Jonathan Kuhl '06, the chairman of the Democrats' Executive Board. "By enabling students to talk politics and engage in discussion regarding the elections, we hope to encourage them to become more active in politics."

Students and faculty participated in an hour-long conversation that Cafruny described as "very interesting and wide-ranging." To generate some ideas at the beginning of the hour, each of the professors spoke on a different topic.

Skinner addressed the political aspects of the discussion, focusing on how he believes Senator John Kerry (D-Mass) will fare in the upcoming primaries and caucuses. He also noted the ways in which the senator has been shaping his campaign and his image over the course of the last few months.

Cafruny furthered the conversation by posing the question "is there really a difference between Kerry (or whichever candidate wins the Democratic nomination) and President George W. Bush?" In response, Cannavo outlined the differences in Democratic and Republican environmental policies.

"Professor Cannavo spoke about the environmental issues and argued that one important distinction between Bush and Kerry was environmental policy," described Cafruny. "I argued that although there are important differences between Kerry and Bush, at the same time we should not overlook underlying similarities relating, in particular, to geopolitical issues, military spending, and the occupation of Iraq."

Students also played an important role in the discus-

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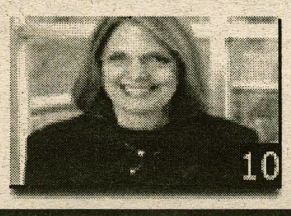

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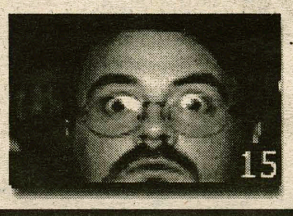

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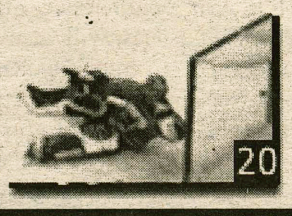

ResLife, RHC implement changes in housing lottery

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"I think this [change] should level the playing field a little bit better," Landry said, with seniors getting the best housing.

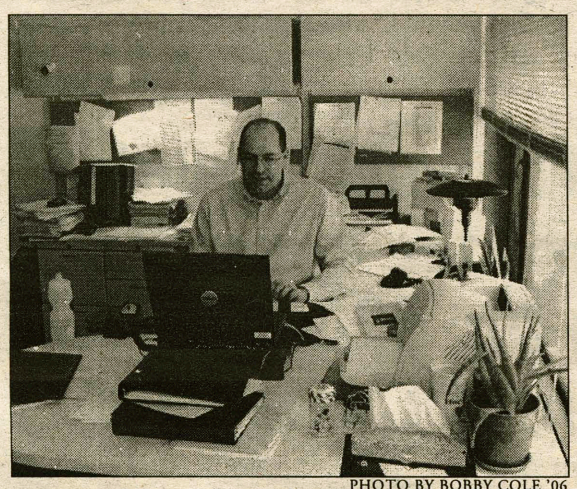
ResLife and the RHC believe that a greater degree of fairness will be achieved by averaging lottery numbers.

"Everyone will still get their own lottery number as usual and what we'll do is take all the lottery numbers and use a computer program that will assign weights according to class year," Lalor said. Any group of students may enter the block lottery, including rising sophomores, but the system will ensure that students with the highest combinations of numbers will be allowed to pull suites.

"If we have six seniors that want to live together, their numbers will carry them further than one senior, three sophomores and two juniors," Lalor explained.

According to Landry and Lalor, a block lottery system has been used in the past, most recently in the early 1990's, when it was used for all housing except doubles and singles.

Groups will need to form well before the lottery, as the block lottery will be held one or two weeks prior to the regular lottery. Groups who do not have the opportunity to pull a suite will be allowed to enter the regular lottery. Likewise, suites that do not get pulled will most likely be entered into the regular lottery.



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Director of Residential Life Jeff Landry hopes that a separate housing lottery for the suites and the Farmhouse will make campus housing more equitable.

Additionally, "a few suites will be left out of the [block] lottery for individual room picks in the general lottery," Landry said.

ResLife is unsure, however, whether the separate lottery will be a permanent solution. "It's kind of a trial year to see how effective it is," Landry said, specifying that the results will be reviewed carefully.

"It [the separate lottery] was something we could do in the short term, something we could do quickly," Landry said.

While the separate lottery is considered a "short term" solution, ResLife will not rule out making the change permanent.

Landry was unsure of how other residence options would be affected by the separate lottery. "The complexion of how the housing has worked the past few years is going to change," he said. "It's hard to predict how the lottery is going to look this year."

Landry pointed out that the addition of the old Psi Upsilon fraternity house as student housing for next fall may also play a role in the changing dynamics of the lottery. Psi U will house over fifty students in singles and doubles, each with its own bathroom. The building will also be equipped with air conditioning and an elevator.

The separate lottery was chosen by RHC after consideration of various other alternatives, including eliminating suite pulls altogether, consequently making them room-by-room lottery selections. RHC also considered extending partial pulls and a plan that would allow groups to pull singles, but not the doubles, in suites.

These types of "restrictions in the suites is inappropriate at this time," Lalor said. "We'd rather do our best to make sure that housing is open to all students."

As always, RHC has also chosen a theme for this year's lottery: "Coed Naked Lottery - You can do it in a single, but it's more fun in a quad." The theme is inspired by a popular "Coed Naked Sports" t-shirt line from the mid 1990's.

Work on KJ extension expected to begin in spring of 2006

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ter Sharon Williams, a member of the KJ Space Committee, the project is intended to provide "a focal point for the social sciences," as well as to make a "match for the science building on this side of campus. The planned building, in Williams' words, is "ship-like, with a prow" composed of a "student work area overlooking the campus."

The project is, according to Vice President of Administration and Finance Karen Leach, "at the very early stages of planning...an exact cost is not yet known. It will probably be in the range of $20-25 million."

Funding for the project was, in part, borrowed along with funding for the new Science building, but the College hopes to "raise significant gift funds for Kirner-Johnson and the academic centers that will be housed in it." Leach adds, "The financing will probably be through a combination of existing debt, gifts and perhaps new debt."

In an email written to *The Spectator*, Leach stated, "We may have to borrow more money to complete this project. It depends on both the ultimate project cost and our fundraising success. Additional debt service would have to be paid for through the operating budget. In general, the College issues 30-year ex-exempt bonds. We are paying an interest rate of about 4.3% on the most recent issue."

Designers are still in the process of deciding upon the exact architectural style of the extension, but Williams emphasized that it will maintain elements of "the current Benjamin Thompson design," but that it will also "break-out of that style and showcase the building." She added that the addition of a prominent front door will give KJ, and the social science departments, "more presence."

The Committee has held three focus groups of six to twelve students so far and plans on a number of other meetings to get student, faculty and administrative feedback. Ann Horowitz '06, one student involved in a recent focus group, commented that the various plans were all "impressive. They [the designers] clearly put a lot of thought into them. The objective of the project, as I see it, is to provide a sort of palpable identity to the dark side beyond Opus and the suites." Horwitz later added that, due to the fact that it won't be completed for a number of years, "I'm jealous I won't be here to enjoy the fruits of the project."

The school began seriously considering expanding the space available to the social sciences four years ago, hiring architectural firm Ewing Cole last year to compose preliminary designs for the renovation and expansion. The Committee "hopes to have a very good idea of what the building will look like by mid to late fall next year" Georges stated, "though it is always an ongoing work." The Committee is aiming to start actual construction in the spring of 2006.

Coalition on Alcohol to solicit student, faculty input at 2004 Adler Conference

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the title clearly implies, the conference will focus on campus alcohol issues.

According to Vice President of the Student Assembly Jeff Long '05, the conference will be comprised of an "afternoon of lunch and discussions, and interactive feedback between faculty, students, and administration."

Participants will gather in the Annex for a presentation by Director of Counseling and Psychological Services Bob Kazin. Next, students and faculty will be broken up into six discussion groups, each of which will be arbitrarily assigned discussion topics. While the alcohol culture on campus is the foremost topic at this year's conference, other significant issues will also be discussed. Community Relations, Academic Life, Education Programs, Policy and Enforcement, as well as Greek Life and Athletics will be discussion topics. Each of these groups will be facilitated by members of the Coalition on Alcohol, who at the end of the afternoon, will reconvene and discuss the feedback and input from faculty and students.

President of Student Assembly Elizabeth Dolan '05 and many others involved in the conference are excited about the prospect of student input. This will be "an amazing opportunity for students to really get a word in," she said, adding that it promises to be a "challenging and long," but hopefully extremely "productive" afternoon.

Unusual about this year's Adler Conference is the outcome, and what will happen with all of the student and faculty contributions. According to Dolan, "participants in this year's conference will have the ability to make change. Conversation and suggestions generated by participants will impact the concern central to this year's Adler Conference: the Alcohol Coalition's recommendation to the president." On the evening of the 27, the members of the Coalition on Alcohol will reconvene to discuss and share the input and contributions of all of the students and faculty who voiced their concern at the conference.

Dolan explained that the Coalition on Alcohol will take that feedback and use it to "draft the preliminary recommendation to the president, while the student, faculty, and administrative input collected over the course of the afternoon is still fresh. The Coalition will look to what has been expressed at Adler; all sentiments will be considered, and the recommendation will be made accordingly."

She also added that "the Adler Conference is the means by which the public can have a say in and contribute to the solution." The report will then be delivered to President Stewart, who will be able to directly see the student and faculty input, and subsequently go on to assess what needs to be done to create a workable solution.

Much is being done to aggressively recruit faculty and students, and to get them involved in this important campus event. Members of Student Assembly and the Coalition on Alcohol have personally approached faculty members to encourage them to participate. Students will also be actively recruited to get involved through campus mail flyers and all-campus emails. The first of these went out yesterday morning and gives a thorough overview of what the conference will consist of, and how to get involved.

Significant effort on the part of the Student Assembly and Coalition has gone into planning the Conference and on encouraging everyone to take an active stance and to get involved.

"Students want to have their input so they can create positive, realistic, workable solutions," said Long. "We've had a lot of positive feedback already."

The conference is open to any and all students, and everyone is strongly encouraged to become involved. "I challenge the faculty and student body to voice concerns and come together to create workable solutions to obvious problems. I think it's going to be an incredible day, and we're working very hard to get as many students and faculty there as possible," said Long.

Students can sign up to participate in the Conference by replying to any of the all-campus emails that will be sent out or by contacting Conference planners at adler04@hamilton.edu with your name, class year and ID card number.

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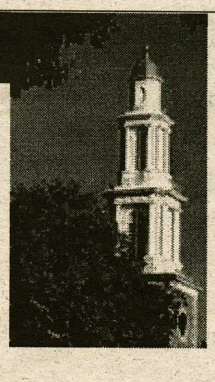

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Colorado Coach on Leave for His Comments

DENVER (AP) — Colorado football coach Gary Barnett was suspended for his comments about a female player who accused a teammate of rape, the latest blow to an already-troubled football program.

Barnett was placed on paid leave Wednesday night by university president Elizabeth Hoffman, who also said she was "utterly distressed" over comments Barnett made in a 2001 police report filed by another woman who said a football player raped her.

Barnett, 57, will be on leave while an independent committee investigates a burgeoning list of allegations involving the football program, including rapes, recruiting parties featuring alcohol and sex, escort services and hiring strippers.

Barnett said he disagreed with Hoffman's decision but apologized and accepted it, calling himself "a team player." He also said the police report contained some inaccuracies.

The suspension came one day after he criticized the performance of former Colorado kicker Katie Hnida, who said she was raped by a teammate four years ago. The coach called her an "awful" player and said she couldn't "kick the ball through the uprights."

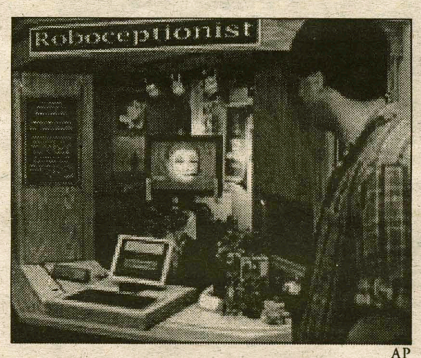
Hnida, who now plays for the University of New Mexico, last year became the first woman ever to score points in a Division I-A football game.

University Unveils Robot Receptionist

PITTSBURGH (AP) — She might not be paid, but Carnegie Mellon University's newest staff member does all that a typical receptionist should: gives directions, answers the phone - even gossips about her boss.

"Valerie" is considered the world's first robot receptionist with a personality, university officials said Wednesday. The blonde roboceptionist interacts with people by talking about her boss, her psychiatrist and her dream of being a lounge star.

"We wanted to give her an underdog character, struggling to make it in a world of humans," said Kevin Snipes, 26, a graduate student in drama writing, one of four writers who came up with Valerie's fictional character. "After a while on the job, she gets testy. But she can be charming too."



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The school-funded project is the result of a 2 1/2-year collaboration between Carnegie Mellon's computer science and drama departments with a goal of creating a socially skilled robot that engages people.

Campus GOP group awards whites-only scholarship

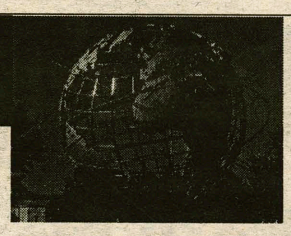
BRISTOL, R.I. (AP) — College Republicans at Roger Williams University awarded a "whites-only" scholarship to a 20-year-old junior on Wednesday night, as a number of students protested the award by turning their backs to the stage.

About three dozen students, may of them members of the multicultural student union turned their backs to the stage as the Adam Noska, a junior from Weymouth, Mass., accepted the $250 award.

The group said to created the scholarship in order to make a statement in opposition to affirmative action. The group's leader, Jason Mattera, 20, of Brooklyn, said they succeeded.

Applicants were required to write an essay about "why you're proud of your white heritage." Sixteen students applied. It drew both an outpouring of support and stern criticism, even among Republicans; the state Republican Party has criticized the $250 scholarship for having "racist overtones."

WORLD NEWS



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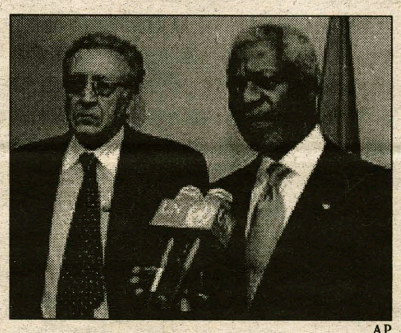
Bremer: Iraqi Power Transfer Date to Hold

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer said Thursday that the formula for establishing a new Iraqi government could be changed but the date for the U.S.-led coalition to hand over power remains firm.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"Changes are possible but the date holds," Bremer told reporters, adding that there were "dozens" of methods for selecting a new government. Among the options, he said, were a redesigned "caucus" system or partial elections.

"There are literally dozens of ways to carry out this complicated task," he said. "I invite your attention to how complicated it is."

Bremer spoke ahead of an expected announcement by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on whether he believes legislative elections are possible by the June 30 handover of power.

Annan is expected to say that elections are important but that they cannot be held by the end of June - despite demands by the country's influential Shiite Muslim clergy.

In Washington, a senior U.S. official said Wednesday that the Bush administration was prepared to drop the caucus plan and hand over power to an expanded Governing Council until elections can be held.
Bremer has said he would not allow the U.S.-appointed Governing Council to adopt a basic law or constitution that was based upon Islamic law.

Report: N. Korea Willing to Discuss Nukes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea is willing to discuss allegations it has a uranium-based nuclear weapons program, a media report said Thursday, as Washington warned progress at six-nation talks will hinge on the North's willingness to abandon its atomic ambitions.

The disputed uranium program is a key stumbling block in next week's nuclear talks in Beijing involving the United States, the two Koreas, China, Russia and Japan.

North Korea has denied a U.S. contention that it has a secret uranium program in addition to its program using plutonium. But the communist government conveyed to a "third country" its willingness to discuss the matter with Washington, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said.

In Tokyo, U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton said North Korea's alleged uranium-based and plutonium programs should both be up for discussion.
"To get all the issues on the table ... is going to be a very important diplomatic aspect of the talks," he told reporters at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

Woman Fined for Registering Cows As Voters

LONDON (AP) — Brenda Gould is in trouble again for registering her cows as voters.

For the second year running, the woman from Newmarket, near Cambridge in eastern England, has listed two names on the registration form who turned out to be cows, East Cambridgeshire District Council said Thursday.

The previous year, in addition to registering two cows as "Henry and Sophie Bull," she listed "Jake Woofles," later found to be a dog, as eligible to vote in local government elections, the council said.

This year she indicated that her address had been split into two properties, that she resided in one part and that two other persons lived in the second, a council spokesman said. The persons she claimed lived in the second property were, in fact, her cows, the spokesman said.

Gould had been scheduled to appear at Ely Magistrates Court on Tuesday but did not arrive. She was convicted in her absence and ordered to pay a 100 pound (US$189) fine and 110 pounds (US$208) in costs.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Kat McGrory '05

Ex-Enron CEO Skilling Pleads Innocent

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling, taken to court in handcuffs Thursday, was charged with three dozen counts of fraud and other crimes in the highest-reaching indictment yet stemming from Enron's colossal collapse.

Skilling, the top-ranking executive arrested so far in the scandal that shook Wall Street and Washington alike, was accused of participating in widespread schemes to mislead government regulators and investors about the company's earnings.

"I plead not guilty to all counts," Skilling told U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy, who set bond for him at $5 million. Skilling posted the bond with a cashier's check and left the courthouse at midmorning.

Prosecutors said Skilling faced up to 325 years in prison and more than $80 million in fines if convicted of all counts. Another court appearance was set for March 11.
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The indictment accuses Skilling, 50, and Richard Causey, Enron's former chief accounting officer, of taking part in the schemes to mislead regulators and investors. Causey, 44, was indicted a month ago and is free on $500,000 bond.

Skilling was named in 36 of the counts, 10 of them accusing him of insider trading that generated $62.6 million from stock sold from April 2000 through September 2001, about a month after he quit Houston-based Enron. According to the indictment, he sold shares in blocks ranging from 10,000 to 500,000 during that time, when Enron stock sold as high as $87 in September 2000 to $31 in September 2001.

U.S. Soldier Charged in al-Qaida Probe

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — A National Guardsman is accused of trying to pass intelligence to U.S. military personnel who were posing as al-Qaida operatives, allegedly telling the phony terrorists that "I share your cause."

Spc. Ryan G. Anderson is charged with three counts involving attempts to supply intelligence to the enemy. He was charged Feb. 12, but the Army did not immediately release that information until Wednesday.

The Uniform Military Code says attempts to aid the enemy can be punishable by death. The charges do not allege that Anderson ever actually passed information to real al-Qaida members.

In the first count, Anderson, also known as "Amir Abdul Rashid," is alleged to have attempted to provide information about U.S. Army troop strength, movements, equipment, tactics and weapons systems, as well as methods of killing U.S. Army personnel and vulnerabilities of Army weapons systems and equipment.

The second charge alleges Anderson passed sketches of the M1A1 and M1A2 tanks, as well as a computer disc with such personal ID's as his passport photo, weapons card and military ID card.

The last charge alleges he "wrongfully and dishonorably" provided information on Army troop strength, movements and equipment.

Edwards' Campaign Shifts to Kerry, Bush

(AP) — Their rivalry engaged, Democratic presidential contenders John Kerry and John Edwards unveiled distinctive strategies Wednesday for a 10-state showdown March 2. The challenger will attack Kerry's free-trade policies and special interest ties, targeting Ohio, New York and Georgia.

The front-runner will battle Edwards on one front and President Bush on another, airing TV ads in general election battleground states while counting on arcane Democratic Party rules to protect his lead in nomination delegates.

"Every race is going to be contested. Every race," Kerry said in Ohio, the focal point of his plans to beat Edwards in March and Bush in November. "We're fighting for every vote."

Kerry, winner in 15 of 17 contests and still the undisputed front-runner, failed to push his chief rival from the race. He settled for the departure of Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor who quit Wednesday after failing to win a single contest.

Democrats Club hosts political lunch, aims to increase political awareness

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sion, voicing many of their questions, concerns and ideas. According to Cannavo, it is no surprise that students have interest in the upcoming election. "This election cycle, there may be more questions than usual, as the Democratic primaries have turned into an exciting and uncertain race rather than a coronation."

Cannavo hoped not only to clarify some of the confusion, but to raise the political consciousness of Hamilton students. "Politics is not just a spectator sport or a personality contest. It's not just the concern of 'the government.' In a democratic society, politics must be everyone's concern; we must all participate to some degree," he said.

Kuhl agreed, specifically stating the importance of having politically active young people. "The more active we become, the more politicians will pay attention to the issues that affect us," he stated, citing the possibility of college tuition becoming tax deductible as an example.

With such incentives, why aren't young people motivated to participate in government? "Many young people don't find politics interesting or don't see how it affects their lives," responded Skinner. "Others are too busy finding a job, getting an education, or just having fun. Hopefully, discussions like the one I participated in yesterday [Tuesday] can encourage young people to see politics as relevant."

Cannavo shared his similar feelings. "I think a lot of young people are turned off of politics," he responded. "They're distracted by consumerism, by the goings on of celebrities, and by their own focus on their studies or extracurricular activities or success."

According to Cannavo, students should be getting more involved in politics. "This might mean working on a political campaign - even as just a part-time volunteer. It doesn't even have to directly relate to the election. Students can get involved in any number of causes or organizations. That's all part of politics as well. And if you don't have time to get involved, read the newspaper, listen to NPR. Get informed and debate issues with your fellow students. That's a form of participation as well," he said.

Kuhl added that there are many ways to get involved on and off the Hill. "Vote. Intern at a political organization. Join a political group here at Hamilton. Regardless of your political affiliation, there is a group at Hamilton that suits you," he said.

In the near future, the Democrats plan on hosting a panel discussion regarding gay marriage. Kuhl hopes to set it up like a town hall meeting.

"The topic is big in the news and will also have a sizable impact on the upcoming presidential elections. As a group, we support gay marriage and we want to draw attention to the issue," said Kuhl.

The Hamilton College Democrats meet every Wednesday evening in the Dunham First Floor Lounge. All are welcome at meetings, which begin at 8:15.

Hamilton's Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is pleased to announce the election of the following members of the Class of 2004:

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We extend our warmest congratulations to them for their high academic achievement.

They join the following students, who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa in October:

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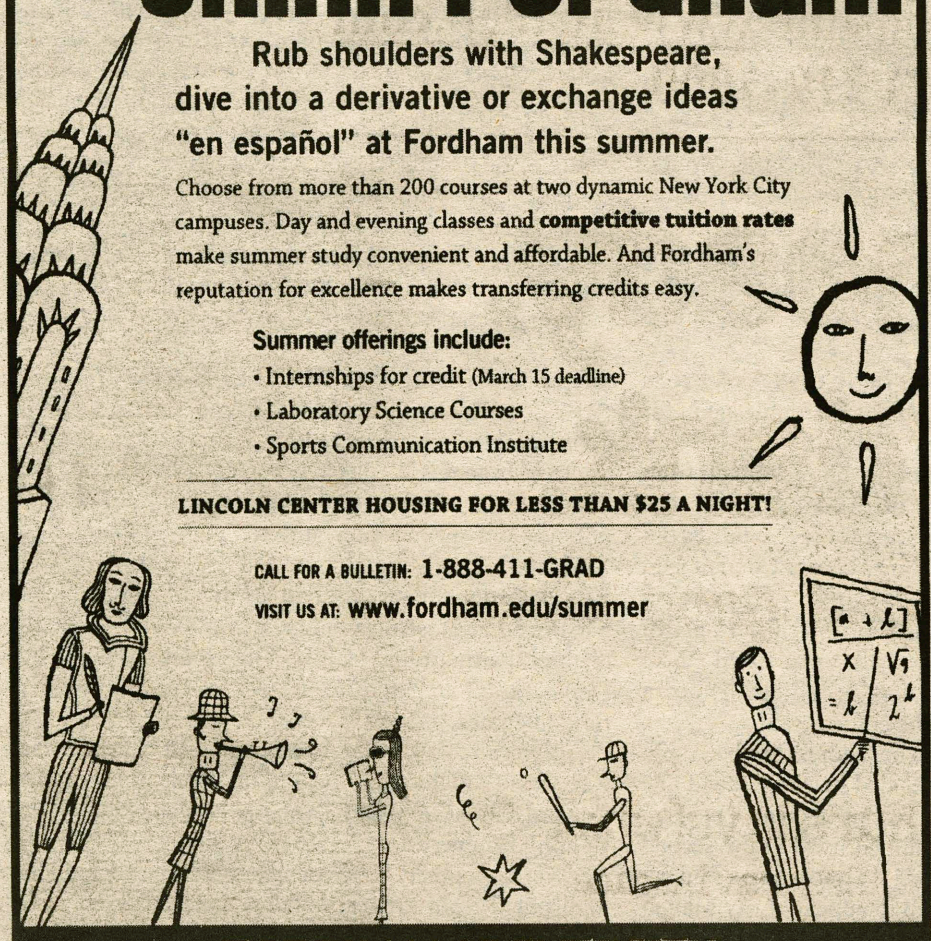

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Attend Adler...

The March 15th deadline assigned to the Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs is quickly approaching. As students, we are preparing for their recommendations. We've listened to Bob Kazin present startling statistics regarding alcohol on the Hill. We've mobilized in an attempt to lessen the negative secondhand effects of alcohol on campus and to insist that our voices be heard. We've signed a petition stating that it is "our united responsibility" to affect positive change.

The student body has clearly taken the appropriate first steps. Nevertheless, a little less than a month remains. We still have a long way to go towards developing an alcohol policy that reflects the goals of the college, the students, and the faculty. The next step on our road to change is the Adler Conference.

This year's conference focuses on the issue of alcohol use at Hamilton. Students, faculty members and administrators will address this and other concerns, including community relations, academic life, social alternatives, Greek life and athletics.

The aim of the afternoon is simple: to generate solutions. Problems such as alcohol abuse, vandalism and sexual assault are not easily solved. There is no single all-encompassing solution. Nevertheless, the Adler Conference undertakes this endeavor by asking members of campus groups to work together to admit and understand the problems.

Student participation is crucial. Students often complain that their ideas are overlooked by the Administration. Remember that the Alcohol Coalition has not yet decided upon a social policy to recommend to the Board. The ideas generated by the participants of the Adler Conference will directly influence this March's recommendation. A strong student showing guarantees the consideration of student opinion in the upcoming policy changes. If we don't make it known how mature we can be, we have no recourse when policies are changed without our consent.

We also extend this challenge to participate to another on-campus group: the faculty. All voices must be heard. The infamous and widely-publicized communication gap that exists between students and faculty members can only be bridged by open dialogue. The Adler conference is just such a neutral forum.

We are all members of the same community, and any members who abstain from participation and discourse will only prove to be a detriment to the goals of the Adler Conference. See you all there.

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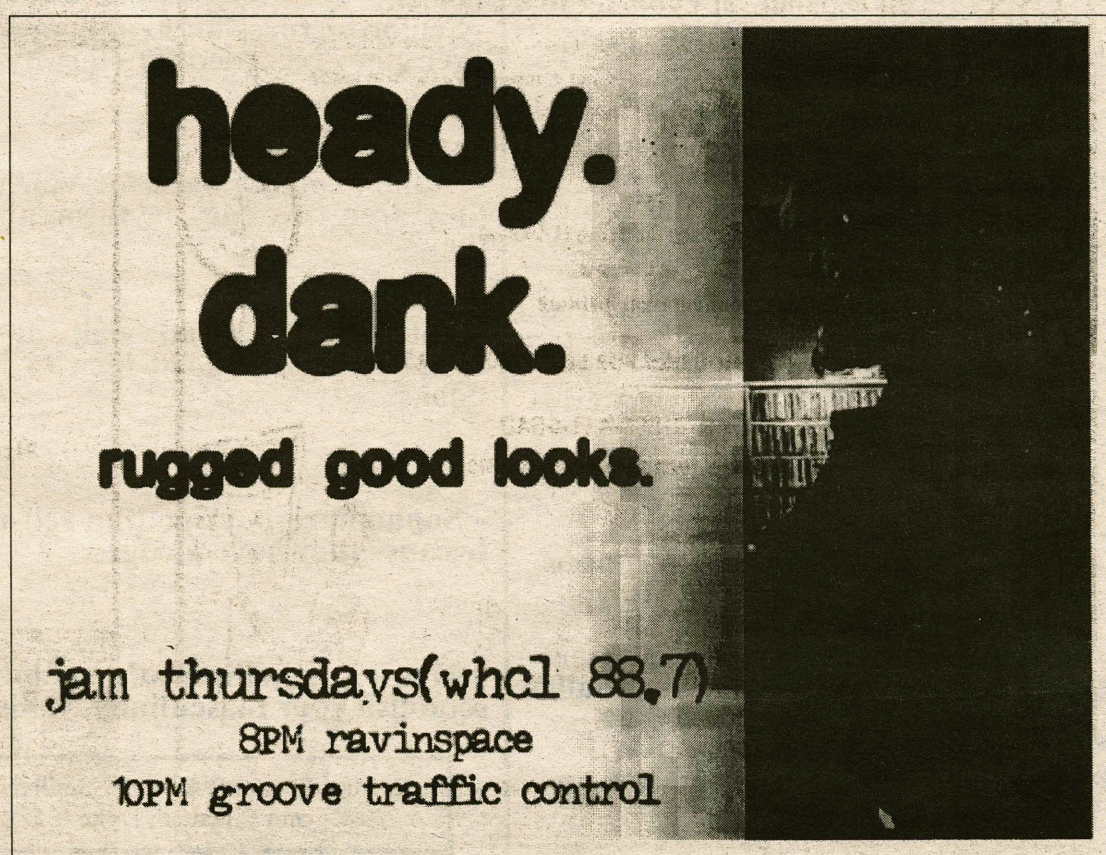


Insights and Ideas

"Relentless" controversy in the Middle East

by Danna Klein '07
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

After much controversy, the documentary *Relentless* was shown on Wednesday night. As I have received a variety of complaints about both the advertising and showing of the film, I seek to set the record straight on the most prominent of these issues.

Essentially, I feel that I achieved the opposite of my purpose in showing it. My goal was to show the other side of the story, the side that the American media does not show, or at least not as much as I believe it should. Then, after having seen both sides, I hoped that people would draw their own conclusions.

I wish I could have attracted people to become more informed with less contentious flyers, but judging from turnout at some previous academically oriented events, I did not feel that anything less than the advertisements I posted would have achieved that end.

My intent was not to attract the people who already agreed with me, but both to spark interest among those who did not know much at all about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to motivate those who disagreed with me enough to actually come. I had severely misjudged the character of those who, for whatever reason, disagreed with my advertisements.

Mostly, people have complained that the advertisements are propaganda because they represent generalizations as though this is bad in and of itself. If there were posters around campus stating that trees are green, that would be a generalization as well. Not all trees are green, and those that are green at some times are not green at others.

Generalizations are necessary. We make generalizations all the time. They are only taboo, however, in a fraction of the times that they are made. It is debatable whether or not this is one of those times. I agree with Professor Aronoff that I could have made it clearer that the sentiment I was presenting as the Palestinian sentiment is not the sentiment of the entire population. I overlooked this detail largely because the generalizations I made were about the relevant contingent of the Palestinian population.

This is not to say that even a majority of Palestinians hate democracy and breed hate. It is irrelevant in the matter of the current conflict whether this group is the majority. In an oppressive undemocratic regime, the popular voice does not matter.

What matters is the sentiment of the leadership, and the steps that they are willing to take, or in this case, the lack of steps they are willing to take towards peace. It is this sentiment that was reflected both by my flyers, and, in greater detail, by the film.

I hope that the generalization police will understand that generalizations only become scandalous when they represent false information. Let's call a spade a spade then, and admit that those who claimed the advertisements were propagandist and generalist were not upset with this aspect in and of itself. I presume they were offended because they disagreed with the message.

To these people: I would be more than willing to discuss this information that you perceive to be false or somehow offensive. Although I think a viewing of *Relentless* on Wednesday would have served the purpose of proving the validity of my flyers, unfortunately, most of you did not show your faces.

I have been told that two wrongs do not make a right, meaning that just because the media is biased, it does not justify showing the other side with the same amount of bias. This is an oversimplification of the situation however. While the film was guilty of not showing the mistakes that Israel has made, it did not need to fabricate what the Palestinians have done in order to make its point either.

Facts do not need to be distorted to make a strong case for Israel. The number of terrorists strapping bombs to their bodies speaks for itself. The repeated imagery of blood drenched Israelis can quickly lead a viewer to believe that the documentary is biased. It is the truth, though, and that overrides any conceivable bias.

On the flip side, CNN often shows Israeli tanks running down Palestinians. What they do not say is that the Israeli government tells Palestinian officials in advance about the military targets that they will be attacking in order not to harm civilians. In response to this, Palestinians strategically place civilians at these sites to make the Israeli Defense Force appear as heartless civilian killers. +

The blame debate is a seemingly never-ending one, and the intent of this article is not to convince people of my position, but to address several issues that have come up in relation to the showing of this film.

The last point I would like to make is how disturbed I am by all the pseudo-liberalism on this campus. It is ironic that a word that had originated to describe open-minded people has come to de-

*see **Relentless**, page 8*

The Martin's Way expansion: so what?

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

So, this past week I was coming out of a semi-decent late lunch at Commons. It was sunny, warmish (high teens), and a decent day to be alive... well, for a student residing in the newly expanded arctic circle. I walked down the steps, and was about to continue on my way to Beineke when I stopped, turned around in a few circles, and examined the ground beneath me.

Wow. Brick. Stylish.

OK, so I didn't notice that they had expanded Martin's Way until the snow melted to reveal the improvement to our campus. Yes, I did see the umbrellas and the chairs outside Commons (I am not that dumb), but I didn't know there had been a whole...you know...big development.

I thought they were kidding last year when they said that they were going to expand Martin's Way. Why? Well, because it is, after all, brick. Want to make Martin's Way awesome? Try moving walkways.

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking to yourself, "Self, Brit has one too many classes in KJ. She's lost the ability to appreciate truly beautiful surroundings."

Or are you really thinking that? Many a Hamilton student thought the expansion of Martin's Way was a waste. Since there are other things to be improved and all.

True, the money was specifically designated for the purpose of beautifying of the campus alone. So, I guessit is better to use it than lose it. But it brought up an interesting question. If I were master of the universe (the greatest universe ever), and I had... you know... more than $4, what would I do to Hamilton?

Simple! I would beautify it. But I mean for real this time. We're talking white sandy beaches, palm trees, lush green mountains rising out of rainforests, fountains, hippos...

That may not be possible. But, let's be honest, you would get about as much use out of that beach as you are currently getting out of the tables outside of Commons.

OK, seriously.

I, like other Hamilton students, immediately point to the Fitness Center. Why? Well, unless they got a brand new 20-year-old-rusted-nasty-knocking-on-death's-door-bar, the bench press bar is bent, and has been since my freshman year (i.e. for a long time). New treadmills are nice, but the bikes are... well, to put it nicely, rusting. And, while it keeps a stairmaster workout interesting, a stairmaster that occasionally gives out is not good for the knees.

And I'd take that tiny weight room upstairs that no one uses (not the varsity one, that is a subject for a whole other article. The other one) and make it a spinning room. Ever taken a spinning class? Death march on stationary

*see **Martin's Way**, page 7*

Thumbs Up

- Sweat stains.

- The Anger.

- How best to get drunk at the AD party?

A. Wait in the flash mob by the bar.

B. Pound creepy beer from the red cooler.

C. Steal a bottle of scotch whiskey.

- Morally casual attitudes.

- Good responses to bad all-campus emails.

- Making the most of the 21-meal plan and haunting the dining halls for hours at a time.

- Drunk sophomore boys: the untapped well.

Thumbs Down

- Senior pictures on Friday morning: hung over glory recorded for eternity.

- Alumni coming back for Valentine's Day: they aren't as easy in the real world, are they?

- Hitting the academic wall and realizing it MIGHT be a good idea to buy your books.

- Sophomore boys getting self-righteous because they have pledges.

- Men on the elliptical machine: way to establish your masculinity, studs.

Deirdre Fenton '04, Avery Schlicher '05, and Elizabeth Dyke '05

Who Cares?

- Campus Safety's new "Defend Yourself" policy. You still can't get a ride from North Lot, but you can get a taser!

- The fact that the lacrosse team can't drink until Spring Break.

- Freshmen girls who think they're clever enough to play both cards... we're on to you.

- A new and original theme for DU... "Less is More."

- People who don't care that Ryan and Marissa's relationship is crumbling. Like, oh my God, Oliver is SUCH a weird!

- Feminazis. Kumbayah, my Lord.

- Remembering the name of the recruit you slept with.

Come on Clinton:

Phallix and Klitora's Valentine's Day Review

Klitora Kirkland
Sarah Schwartz '04

Phallixander Hamilton
Dan Fiore '04

Phallix and Klitora are very sorry for not having been behind you last week (though we may have been under some of you over the weekend), but we're sure you're familiar with the amount of preparation sex columnist stars need for Valentine's Day. There's hair maintenance and removal, shopping for upscale jeans in CNY (about as hard as Phallix after listening to one of Tobin's speeches), and stocking up on sex toys and Vox's flavored lubricant (couples who play together stay together).

To make up for our absence (not to be confused with abstinence) last week, Phallix and Klitora are coming at you with an in-depth review of went on during Valentine's Day at Hamilton College this year.

Dinner with Friends

To fight the blues of not having a lover on the day of lovers, many of us went out to dinner with our friends. One senior reported seeing a plethora of Hamilton students at Tex-Mex, sharing one-pound burritos with one another.

In lieu of any significant relationship with someone other than his left hand, Phallix decided to celebrate the holiday by going to dinner with friends at a traditionally couples only restaurant. Phallix and five friends arrived at Bella Cuch at 8:30, just in time to observe several awkward couples suffer through forced conversation while touching each other's genitals beneath the table.

At first, Phallix and his trashy friends made quite a scene after several rounds of wine and screwdrivers. The couples only atmosphere began to rub off on Phallix and Co. by the end of the night, as there obscene six-some quickly broke off into slightly less obscene twosomes. Even without a date, Phallix managed to enjoy the day of lovers.

"One penis up!" ejaculates Phallixander Hamilton.

Andrew W.K. Love-Fest

The Andrew WK concert turned out to be the perfect way to spend Valentine's with friends, lovers, and even unknowns from CNY. WK's hard rock music paired with lyrics of mind-boggling simplicity compelled us to sing and dance like mad. Everyone and their incapacitated mother felt safe enough to crowd surf, and the "mosh pit" was a collision of warm caresses.

One senior even classified the concert's atmosphere as the opposite of alienation. Indeed, everyone felt elated and connected. Andrew WK himself was such a positive and genuine human being that anyone in his presence could not help but feel the love. He left the stage in literal bliss, chanting "Yes!" as if he had just handed his V-card away to Marissa Cooper.

"Breathtaking," climaxes Joan Hinde Stewart.

Semi Formal Formalities

Attending a semi-formal party was a fabulous way to spend Valentine's Day: There was the excuse to get dressed up like Beyonce at the Grammy's, the high population of semi-couples ready and willing to swing, as well as an escape from Hamilton's campus. From what we've heard, no one went home empty handed and the last bus had more flesh than the Greek fest.

"Two nipples out!" raves Justin Timberlake .

Vagina Monologues Madness

The "Vagimons" provided an excellent way for women and men to reflect on the reality of sex and vaginas on a day created to celebrate our false notions of love. The monologues were well-read and well-received, (as were the condoms being handed out by Vox) and tears of understanding were shed. One junior male enjoyed himself so much that he mistook the initial run-through for the main event and still lauded it emphatically. Now that's what we call Vagina spirit!

The reviews are in: "Four Wet Vaginas!" raves Alex Rodriguez.

And Finally...

In conclusion we would like to say that Valentine's Day was quite successful here at Hamilton College. As long as you weren't being antisocial by snorting Ritalin in your room, you were probably our there (at least metaphorically) feeling the love from friends, lovers, or your own damn self.

If you take the day for what it should be, a celebration of love, and use to it embrace all the many people you love in your life, rather than the one person you 'love' to hump, then the outcome may be very rewarding. Love is inside you and all around you! Keep your head up, you've got Phallix and Klitora behind you, sometimes under you.

Sexy Single of the Week: Alex Klivecka

COC: So, welcome to our show, why did you want to be single of the week?
AK: I need all the help I can get.
COC: Don't be silly! What do you think you have to offer as a partner?
AK: A warm bed and tender affection.
COC: That's lovely – what are some of your turn-ons?
AK: Candor, money, and inverse hand jobs (demonstrates).
COC: Ah, we see. Turn-offs?
AK: Pink (the color) and scarves.
COC: Yeah, scarves are so f***ing offensive! So we hear you're captain of the Streaking Team here at Hamilton. Why were you chosen as the leader?
AK: Because size does matter.
COC: And what strategies do you use to motivate your team?
AK: I throw up before every meet. It gets the team really psyched because it shows I'm really into it.
COC: And we're really into you!

No Straw Men

by Jonathan Rick '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

A Free Market of, by and for Human Life

In a free country, who should have the moral — and hence legal — right to decide what an individual does with his own body: the state or the individual? Whose body — and hence whose life — is it?

In the Declaration of Independence Thomas Jefferson gave us a clear answer. Man, he proclaimed, possesses an inalienable right to his own life. Thus, one's body belongs exclusively and absolutely to oneself. If a person chooses to prostitute himself, he should be legally able to do so. If a person chooses to abuse drugs, he should be legally able to do so. And if a person chooses to sell his organs, he should be legally able to do so. The principal is that as long as an individual does not initiate force against others, which means as long as he does not infringe the rights of others, he must be free to act on his choices.

Now say you need a heart transplant. What happens, under the current system, if the state appropriates your right to your body? In short, bureaucrats consign you to an often-terminal waiting list that, as of May 2001, totaled 50,000 helpless souls. Maybe you'd obtain your organ, maybe you wouldn't.

On the other hand, what happens when the state recognizes your right to your body? In short, you could buy your organ from a company or individual and thereby reclaim your life. For instance, consider how many people would sign a contract selling their organs upon their death, in exchange for money here and now. Such entrepeneurs would harm nobody, yet they would easily save countless lives — individual human beings with faces, identities and life stories. This, after all, is the same process we rely on to facilitate life's other necessities, like food, clothing, and shelter; we do not wait for donations, but go and earn them, by means of the trader principle.

However, seeking to safeguard what Pope John Paul II ambiguously calls the "dignity of the human person," many argue that commercializing organs — equating a body with money — is "irresponsible" and degrading. Thus, the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984 prohibits "any person to knowingly acquire, receive, or otherwise transfer any human organ for valuable consideration for use in human transplantation."

But such statism rests on the premises of tyranny, not freedom. The logic involved would justify everything from the federal Department of Procreation to ensure that we all make love in a "dignified" manner, to the food police to ensure that we all maintain a "responsible" diet. The idea that the state has rights over your body can have only one ultimate consequence: the end of freedom.

For to deny a person the right to dispose of his body is to deny him his right to exist. Yes, most of us cringe at the idea of selling our body parts. But we must recognize that freedom imposes on us each the responsibility to respect the noncoercive choices of others. The solution to the scarce supply of human organs, therefore, is to embrace the ethics of self-ownership and the politics of individual rights. To curtail preventable human suffering and premature death, we should establish a free market of, by, and for human life. Our lives depend on it.

Who cares about Martin's Way?

from Martin's Way, page 6

bikes. It's great. Sweat as a team. School bonding.

What else. Originally, I thought about putting those poor kids in Kirkland out of their misery. Gang bang showers that are only occasionally lit, 14 people to a room; things like that aren't great.

While your first year in college should adequately prepare you to live in your own filth for the next four (give or take) years, sometimes Kirkland seems like it goes too far.

But, as a product of the North class of 2001-2002, I must say that it is physically possible to live there. So deal, and put the funds into the fitness center. But it is unfair that while some people have to sweat (literally) it out in Kirkland, other freshman of equal or lesser value are living it up in South. The solution is simple: I would take funds and remodel South to make it the biggest hell-hole dorm on the planet. For spite.

And make everyone who got to live there freshman year live there again. Ha!

OK, just kidding.

Last time I was in South in a freshman's room, I noticed that there were only four people living in a room, and no one had to live under the desk. If no one is living under the desks, there are obviously not enough people there. Come on, ResLife, don't we have a housing crunch continuously going on?

One more thing. Because after all, as master of the universe, I believe my money is pretty well spent elsewhere as well. One more thing I'd do is definitely build a big bright yellow building right across College Hill Road along Martin's Way. Serious. It'd be great.

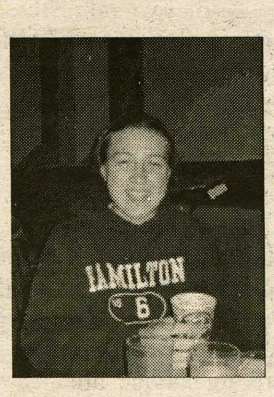
Wouldn't that be a crackup? These genius kids and their uptight parents come from all over (New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut) and expect to see a serious institution of higher learning.

They drive up the hill and see Alex Hamilton and all the old buildings full of history, and...just as they start to get a sense of higher purpose...they get to the top and see this big-ass sea of yellow. Hilarious. Must be done.

Oh, wait.

Hamilton Uncensored: With the current temperature reaching a balmy thirty degrees, what are you most looking forward to this spring?

Compiled by Sarah Mattingly '05 and Alyssa Menegat '05

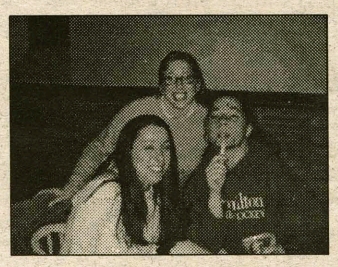


The Sun.

- Meghan Blair '06

Naked time on the quad. You think i'm joking but i'm not.

- Jeff Wilson '04



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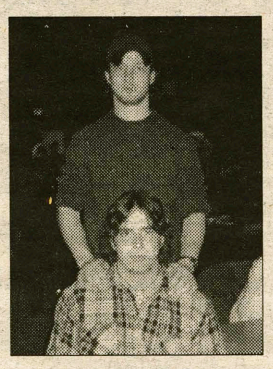

Matching black cut off jeans and white tube socks.

- Greg Regan '05 & Tim Emmerick '05

Commons theater.

- Lauren Dentone '04

WWAWKD?

by Tim Mudie '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

People, I have seen the light. I'm sure you are all familiar with the slogan "WWJD?" meaning, "What Would Jesus Do?" It's all over the place: bracelets mostly, but also t-shirts, mugs and all sorts of merchandise. Now, while Jesus would undoubtedly be all for people capitalizing on his name and, while acting like him certainly can't hurt, it's time to move on. Seriously now, Jesus has been dead for at LEAST a hundred years, probably more.

This brings me to my point: it is high time to change the WWJD slogan. How should the slogan be changed in order to reflect the modern world and our concerns in it? Simple. All people should now follow the messiah of rock and roll. Now, when confronted with some quandry simply ask yourself this: "What Would Andrew W.K. Do?"

For any of you poor souls unfamiliar with Andrew W.K., he's the guy who rocked the Annex this past Saturday. Most famous for his song, "Party Hard," Andrew, A-Dawgg to his friends, is quite arguably the most intense person EVER. He plays rock and roll for one purpose only: to make people rock out and have a good time.

I've actually seen Andrew W.K. live twice now and both times he has gone absolutely nuts. Bands just don't go nuts at Hamilton. It doesn't happen, but W.K. did it. Not for one second was he anything less than completely into the performance. If being totally into everything you do isn't a good way to live, I don't know what is.

So, how will life be if you live by the mantra of WWAWKD? In a word: rocking. But let's look at some examples. Let's say that someone is angry and hits you. What would Jesus do? Well, I can't be positive, but my guess would be that he would turn the other cheek or some such thing.

Now, what would Andrew W.K. do? Again, I can't be positive but here's my guess. W.K., after being smacked right in the grill, would turn to the person who hit him, look him in the eyes and say "That was rocking. Let us rock out." If that doesn't defuse the situation, I don't know what would. Or say that some Romans decided to crucify Andrew W.K. because... well, I doubt this is very likely, but let's run with it. Jesus would just die, rise from the dead three days later and inspire one of the most dominant religions the world has ever seen. W.K. on the other hand?

To begin with, instead of yelling "My God, why have you forsaken me?" W.K. would probably say something like "We will never listen to your rules! We will never do what others do! Party hard!" Would this inspire a huge religion? Probably not, but it SHOULD. Regardless, if I were going to be crucified, I'd like to go out rocking.

From this day on, make it a point to follow the philosophy of Andrew W.K. Any time that you're not positive about what to do, simply ask "What Would Andrew W.K. Do?" I say with absolute seriousness that anyone who celebrates life, happiness and equality as much as this man deserves to be a role model.

In an age where most rock stars are either stupid and bitter (see Fred Durst) or whiny bitches (see the entire Emo genre), someone who loves his work and simply loves performing and making people happy is a great thing to see.

So whether you're wondering what CD to put on, what to do on Saturday night or how to handle your crucifiction, just remember to ask "What Would Andrew W.K. Do?" and you'll be on the road to a happy, rocking life. Rock on people, rock on.

Taking advantage of Adler

by Jeffrey H. Long '05
INSIGHT & IDEAS CONTRIBUTORS

Elizabeth Dolan and I have been elected to Student Assembly to represent the student voice and we take our jobs seriously. In regard to last week's article ("Responsible Journalism?" Feb. 13), I stand by my comments regarding the how and the why of Dean Mitchell's dismissal.

In conversations with many students, there is concern about the level of communication from the President's office to the student body. Many students have discussed their feelings with me about the Alcohol Coalition and Dean Mitchell's dismissal - both actions initiated by the President and communicated via email with no prior discussion with the student body.

We understand that with new leadership comes change - it is expected and even encouraged. Dean Mitchell has been an incredible voice for students over the years, working effectively with all student constituencies. She is a pillar in this community with widespread support and we must continue to support her in this time of need. Her departure is regrettable, unexpected and was not well-handled.

However, we must not lose faith in our leadership. President Stewart has inherited an incredible institution of students, faculty, and alumni. The President has a vision. As a community of students and faculty we must support this vision in the coming weeks and months for the purposes of uniting under a common cause: to make this as good an institution of higher learning as possible.

It is crucial for us as a community to unite for positive change. I am calling on all students to make their voices heard regarding President Stewart's review of 'socialization' and alcohol use at Hamilton, which is an appropriate, important topic for discussion. We must offer our voices and be a part of the discussions that will be taking place at this year's Adler Conference on February 27.

The conference will address pressing issues (alcohol policy, Greek Life, Hamilton social culture, etc.) and ask those in attendance to offer their thoughts and solutions. President Stewart's future decisions regarding these issues will be largely based on feedback from the February 27 conference.

Students are mobilizing and preparing their voices, as are the faculty. Be a part of this positive discussion. Make your voice heard. See you on the 27th.

Relentless controversy

*from **Relentless**, page 6*

farthest thing from. This is not to say that all those who call themselves liberal are closed-minded.

I have learned my lesson about generalizations. BUT, a significant number of those who label themselves as liberals, who comprised a large portion of the voices of dissent towards both the advertisement and showing of this film, need to question the validity of their "liberal" identity.

A few of you who I have spoken with on the matter have few if any facts to support your convictions. I extend a challenge to those of you who pride yourselves on your alignment with liberalism to actually become well-informed enough to substantiate your positions in this controversial matter.

This will not go away. I have learned from my errors. I will be careful about the generalizations that I make in the future. I will not try to entice you with controversy. I have learned that it is quite difficult to entice closed-minded people to consider alternative views. Those who want to learn will attend without such tactics.

If you are not quite sure which category you fall into on this matter, I guess you can figure that out by how many events you attend, articles you read, and reports you listen to that present perspectives that are not synonymous with your own. You do not have to be influenced by them, but you should at least be open to the possibility that you might.

The Third Annual Conference of the
Kirkland Project for the Study of
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"Let's Talk About Sex(uality)"

Saturday March 6th, 2004

Come enjoy the opportunity for a candid discussion of sex and sexuality in the Hamilton community as it intersects with gender, race, class, and sexual orientation. We will be discussing issues such as Hamilton's Hook -Up Culture, Sexual Double Standards, Sex Education, Sexual Assault, Homophobia, and Sexual Pleasure. Our goal is to be able to come up with some concrete solutions and recommendations to improve the climate on campus. If you are interested in participating in the discussions, we encourage people to pre-register so that we can have an appropriate group of facilitators. If you would like to attend the conference please email the conference coordinator, Laura Crandall (lcrandal@hamilton.edu).

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

I'd like to pass on some interesting news to the College community, and to Campus Safety in particular. The Town of Kirkland has this wonderful technological innovation, which we might someday want to consider acquiring for the campus. It is called a "No Parking Sign."

Here's the way it works. You see, the town puts up these signs in places where it doesn't want people to park. Then, if they park there, they get a ticket — $10 for the first offense, $25 for subsequent offenses. The result, I've noticed, is that people in town tend not to park in the designated no-parking zones. Clever, isn't it?

Here's the way, in contrast, things work on the Hamilton campus. There are very few No Parking signs. Instead, when we receive our parking permit stickers, we are given a thick booklet of parking regulations. Now there may be those who immediately commit the regulations to memory, and others who keep the booklet on their car's dashboard for handy reference. If you are like me, however (and, I suspect, like the vast majority of faculty, staff, and students), you file it in the circular file and forget about it. Then, since there are no signs to suggest what is permitted and what is not, you park where other people park on campus.

One example is the road leading in front of the gym, and bending around its far corner. In any given week I would guess that five hundred to a thousand cars are parked there for shorter or longer duration. There are zero No Parking signs to suggest that this may not be the best place to park. And so, for more than ten years, I have parked my car there, that is, when I could find a spot that wasn't taken by all the other cars that got there first.

For which sin I received a $50 ticket yesterday. The fact that when I walked past the gym this morning there were once again a dozen or more cars parked along the roadway, none of them with tickets, suggests to me that I am being punished because my timing was spectacularly bad. I happened to park in one of the campus's stealth no-parking zones, on a day when Campus Safety happened to decide to enforce the no parking rule that no one knows exists.

It also suggests to me that the Town of Kirkland has a better idea. The town's rational and clear system of parking regulations and enforcement actually work to keep people from parking in no parking zones. Our whimsically draconian parking regulations, in contrast, serve only to antagonize the occasional victim of their enforcement. I hope the College puts my $50 to good use. Perhaps it could use it as down payment for a few No Parking signs.
Sincerely,

Maurice Isserman
Professor of History

To the Editor,

I would like to whole heartedly congratulate the person(people) who spray-painted the McEwen rock its current glorious shade of gold. This action doubles (even triples!) the respect administration/faculty have for the student body. And I am positive that it will be used in defense of the students' right to drink (the rock is so pretty now, it is impossible not to admire).

If I may, I would like to encourage the 1,749 other Hamilton students to participate in a warm "thank you" for such a splendid display of artistic skill. I hope we are privileged enough to witness many other creative displays of school pride!

Nathaniel Brewster

To the Editor,

Regarding "No Straw Men" and "biological parasites",

First, I would challenge you to ask a few women in their third trimester of pregnancy if they would approve of your term for their life within. Those of us with children cherish them from the moment we see the two little lines indicate positive on a home test. The "biological parasite", as you termed a third trimester child, is fully formed. In fact it no longer has to be a "parasite".

Babies can live outside the mother as early as 24 weeks gestation, the third trimester. Partial birth abortions are also called late term abortions. They are performed on babies so large that is difficult to terminate inside the uterus. So, instead labor is induced so that the child is delivered breech and while the head only is inside the uterus the cranium is collapsed and delivered.

Now, there are many times when the mother has serious health problems that require termination of the pregnancy, but not necessarily the baby. For example, a pregnant woman can have idiopathic cardiomyopathy leading to heart failure. Because of fluid accumulation and strain on the heart, the woman may need to end the pregnancy. If she is in the third trimester, the child is viable outside of the woman. Labor can be induced or she can have a c-section to deliver a live baby. Time may be crucial in delivery. A c-section can be performed within 30 minutes. Induced labor may take longer. I described late term abortion for a reason.

Compare induced labor of a live baby versus induced labor of a breech baby halted with the baby partially delivered then stop long enough to place instruments inside the uterus to terminate. How does halting the delivery to terminate help the woman in heart failure? It would take just as much time to do either. Partial birth abortion does not make medical sense. For this reason, the American Medical Association, the largest medical society and including all specialties, recently condemned this procedure as being medically unnecessary. Think of this another way. If you had spent the last 6 months carrying your child wouldn't you want to keep that child if at all possible? Most women who have serious health conditions while pregnant want to have their baby. Some may even have to terminate the pregnancy before the baby is viable and thus lose the child to save their own life. This is a difficult situation. But, I bet none of them felt like it was a "biological parasite".

Respectfully,
Toby Taylor MD
Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
Student Health Center

To the Editor,

As I sat down at my desk the other night, my lamp glowed warmly, the dark cold night was outside my wall size windows, and music played softly. I just returned from my friend, floor mate, and fellow Keehner's room. And I thought to myself, I love my room, I love it here. I never expected to feel this connected to a cement building with waffle ceilings, but I do. I love walking through Opus everyday on my return to the dark side. I love coming back to Keehn.

I would not have considered myself a die-hard Keehner at the onset of this year. I came here without a group of friends, felt really intimidated by all these unique individuals who occupy the rooms in Keehn. Now, I can't imagine living anywhere else.

I am writing this letter to give a glimpse of what it is like for one person to live in this special dorm. I am not speaking on behalf of anyone else, nor am I offering advice about what should be done with Keehn; I am merely offering my glimpse of Keehn to show to the rest of the Hamilton community.

A day in the life of me, a Keehner goes on like anyone else. I wake up, eat breakfast and go to class. On Thursdays, however, I return to Keehn at two to prepare for Keehn dinner. As I blast music in the kitchen, I chop veggies, make a salad, start the pasta. I chat with everyone returning from classes, making a snack, or simply procrastinating. I return to my "normal" Hamilton life, and then come back down to the kitchen at 6pm. Now I am welcomed by the smell of yummy food — dinner is ready and I didn't even have to put on shoes. I sit at any table, as all Keehners greet me with a "hey Emily." Throughout the night, I make excuses to return to the kitchen as there are always people around, eating, chatting, washing dishes.

In Keehn we are really a community; we eat together, cook together, clean together and live together as a co-op should. The bond that ties us most strongly is respect. Everyone here respects the dorm, our shared living environment, but most importantly each other. I learned so much from my friends here in Keehn this year, I learned to appreciate others in ways I never could have imaged, and to delight in our differences. We are a community composed of individuals; a community I am sad to see end this year, and not be here for others to experience. I want to thank every Keehner or Keehn-visitor, who make this dorm a warm place for me to live. Thank you all!

Emily Colbert '06

The future of life on the Hill

*from **Future**, page 11*

what they think is right and proper, then any decision made by the administration will be easier to swallow. Though I will miss Dean Mitchell very much, I am excited to see what new blood in the Dean of Students office will mean for the campus.

The ultimate course that Hamilton College takes, however, will certainly fall upon the hands of our new President. President Stewart has come into a college that has an unacceptable status quo when it pertains to drinking, social options and residential options. Most members of the Hamilton community, including students, would agree that changes must be made in many of these areas. President Stewart does not have the luxury of being able to sit back for a little bit and get used to the climate of the Hamilton community. As of now, she has done just that. President Stewart has not sat back idly. She came onto the scene with an agenda and has put her goals out on the table. She has challenged the Hamilton community to come up with solutions for many of the sticky problems that we have had over the past few years.

Where Hamilton College goes from here, I have no idea. It will be exciting to see what these new faces in the Hamilton community will bring to the table and how they will implement their ideas. Students should feel invigorated and excited about these changes, not bitter and abused. I will miss Richard Fuller, Flossie Mitchell and Eugene Tobin as long as I am a Hamilton student. This does not mean that I will ignore or scoff at the new incoming replacements. All members of the Hamilton community must open themselves up to embrace the new administrators and work with them as opposed to against them.

The Changing Face of the Administration

Joan Hinde Stewart Speaks:

Hamilton's new president addresses alcohol, Greek life and the search for a new dean of students

Editor's note: Attempting to dispel rumors by directly hearing from our President, the Spectator *obtained the following exclusive interview with Joan Hinde Stewart.*

by Jon Kuhl '06
Features Editor

***Spectator*: When do you plan to assemble a search committee for the dean of students position?**

JHS: Soon. What we're going to do is to engage a search firm to help us with the recruitment for that position. That's fairly standard; the search firms help you to really see all the people who are out there, and it helps you with the logistics of the search.

I'm hoping to have someone in place by fall, if we possibly can.

***Spectator*: In general, what kind of impact will students have on this committee?**

JHS: They will be full members of the committee. We would hope that they would not only be very active and vocal members of the committee, but they would also be there to represent their peers. So I would hope the students on the committee would be in contact with the members of the student body and that the members of the student body, in general, would feel that they could go to these students that are on the committee and let them know what their feelings are, what their priorities are, specific suggestions.

***Spectator*: What are you looking for in the next dean of students?**

JHS: Well, I'm looking for absolutely the best possible person I can find, there's no doubt about that, and I want someone very, very good. Hamilton is a wonderful college and I want a very strong leader for this area. The specifics of it we really need to work out as a community.

***Spectator*: In hiring this new person, what are you hoping to accomplish?**

JHS: Student life is very important to me. I want the students to be very happy at Hamilton. I want the social life to be a good one, and I also want it to be safe and productive. I want a very good intellectual life and I want a person who will help us on all of those scores.

***Spectator*: What do you think will be different about the new dean of students?**

JHS: Well, as I say, I want the best possible person I can find. I don't have any specific detailed agenda for what that person will do. Those are the sorts of things that we, as a community, will be talking about and working out. But, I want someone who will creatively build on the foundation that Dean Mitchell has wonderfully laid, and who will continue the strong advocacy of students.

***Spectator*: How would you categorize the campus's reaction to Dean Mitchell being let go?**

JHS: Oh golly, um [pause] I think maybe you're in a better position to answer that than I am, so I might ask you to help me on that. I've heard from any number of people, various constituencies and, uh, I might have to ask for you to help me.

***Spectator*: So you're still trying to gauge the reaction?**

JHS: Yeah, I've heard different reactions.

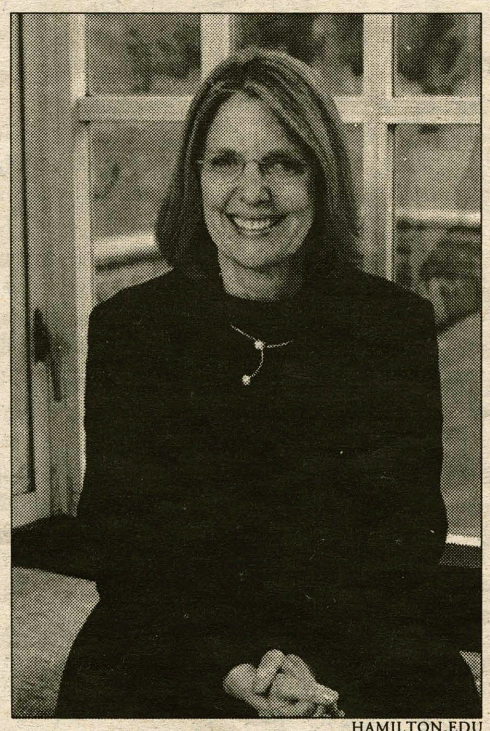
***Spectator*: I feel like a lot of the frustration that students felt was because they didn't know why.**

JHS: The difficult thing for me is that I really can't comment on this position, and I think you can understand the ethical and personal issues involved. I can't do it. What I can do, and what I've said before, is that I am very appreciative of what Flossie Mitchell has done, and I'm very grateful to her for what she's accomplished. [pause] But, because of the nature of this decision, I really can't make any more detailed comments than that.

***Spectator*: Once the Alcohol Coalition submits their proposal to you, do you plan on basically making those policy changes?**

JHS: Let me back up at little. The Coalition on Alcohol that I reconstituted, that was not a new body. It had already existed since '98 and '99. What I did is to give them a broader mandate and to look at some of the things that have been concerning to students on campus whom I've heard from, to faculty whom I've heard from, to me, myself.

They're going to bring me a report. Now, I don't really know what that report is going to say. I have not made any decision at this point. I'm going to have to see what sorts of things they recommend, and I don't really know what will happen at that point because it's going to depend on the nature and the extent of their recommendations. I'm not going to do anything instantly, and I'm not going to do anything unilaterally. I am very, very aware that any way that we try to address campus problems has to invovle the campus, has to involve the community. This is not something I can legislate and make go away. We have got to have the whole campus involved.



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President Joan Hinde Stewart.

I talked this afternoon to some members of OUR (Our United Responsibility), this new organization, and I was very interested to hear what they were saying about students taking responsibility. It seems to me what they are trying to do is two things: one, raise the visibility of the issues that we are facing and, two, to encourage their student peers to take responsibility for them and to effect some kind of a culture change. I also heard that at the Student Assembly meeting that I was at a couple weeks ago.

We recognize that we have an absolutely wonderful college and I'm here because I love the College so much and we have wonderful students, but we do have some problems to address. And together we have to figure out what's the best way to address them. I don't think we're going to find a single solution and I don't think a single piece of legislation is going to do it.

My open hour today was very interesting because I had a lot of people coming to talk to me about the current situation, and not all by any means with the same point of view. You know, it was [laughing] it was, 180 degrees points of view. What I was saying to them today is what I would really like people to understand: no decision has been made. My thinking is preliminary. I'm listening. I've been concerned with some of the things I've seen.

I want students to have fun on campus, and I am not anti-alcohol by any means. What I am concerned about is the kind of very destructive behaviors that have been associated with the abuse of alcohol. That's a very different thing from being anti-alcohol, which I'm not. I think that one case of sexual assault is one case too many. These are social problems. They are problems on every campus, and they are problems throughout society, but we've got to figure out how we, at Hamilton, can best grapple with them, and what we together, can do.

***Spectator*: Ok, I guess I got two things out of that: one, that the Alcohol Coalition is really just an organized way to have a conversation about this on campus.**

JHS: And to give me some advice. To have a campus conversation, to raise the profile of some of the problems, and to think about it intensively and in a focused way.

***Spectator*: Second, alcohol is not the problem, it's the bad effects of alcohol.**

JHS: It's the abuse of alcohol, and the behaviors that it leads to, yes. Having a drink can be very nice because it's pleasant. It's a pleasure. What's a problem is getting drunk for the sake of getting drunk, not getting drunk because you are enjoying a drink, or two drinks, but as your-goal; getting drunk and then engaging in behaviors that are detrimental to the community. That's where the problem is. If I had my way, I would lower the drinking age to 18. [pause] So would most college presidents, because then we would be in a position to model responsible behavior and to deal with these things openly.

I have heard rumors that I was going to end Greek life, and this is certainly currently not my intention, [it] just absolutely isn't.
- President Joan Hinde Stewart

***Spectator*: How can students voice their opinions?**

JHS: Well, I sure want them to. The Adler Conference [will be] and my open hour has been, very good, because I hear a lot of opinions. I'm going to be trying to go to Student Assembly meetings.

Any time I'm out and about, after a play or a basketball game or anything else, if people see me and want to talk to me in an informal or in a casual way, I am just really open to hearing them. If they want to write to me, I am very grateful for that.

***Spectator*: Big rumor: hard alcohol is going to be banned.**

JHS: Yeah, I've been told this. It was a surprise to me. This is certainly something that has been discussed and I think it's been tried at some campuses. I don't have data on how successful it's been at other campuses, and I don't know whether it's right for Hamilton College. I certainly have not decided that, but have I discussed it. Have people discussed it with me? Yes. I'm interested in seeing what the Coalition on Alcohol has to say about it. Maybe it's for us, maybe it's not. I don't know.

***Spectator*: Switching a little to Greek life, what attitude would you like the next dean of students to have about the future of Greek life?**

JHS: Well, I'm not going to try to [laughing] mandate the attitude of the next dean of students. What I would say is, my own thinking is ...[pause].

***Spectator*: Do you see Greek life as a positive part of the Hamilton Community, or a negative part?**

JHS: You know, I have heard rumors that I was going to end Greek life, and this is certainly currently not my intention, [it] just absolutely isn't. I don't know what the future is going to hold, but right now that's not in my thinking. I've met a lot of wonderful people who are in Greek societies. I've heard from other people that there are problems associated with them, and I think it bears talking about. I haven't been here long enough to feel as though I can really enumerate all the positives and all the negatives. I'm still learning about it, but I guess what I would really like you to know is that I don't have a decision on that right now.

***Spectator*: Long term, do you think there's a chance of Greek life being disbanded?**

You know, it's difficult, Jon, to know what's going to happen in the future right now. That is not in my thinking. But I don't want to ever say what will happen down the road. No one knows, so I can only speak for now, and what my intentions are now.

***Spectator*: There are no plans?**

JHS: No.

The Changing Face of the Administration
A Special Report

How we see it: students and faculty weigh in on administrative changes

by Daniel A. Bleeker '06
SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

We have been no stranger to change lately on the Hill. In the past twelve months, Hamilton has seen the resignation of a veteran dean of admissions, Rit Fuller, the departure of a dean of students, Flossie Mitchell, and perhaps, most significantly, the inauguration of a new president, Joan Hinde Stewart. Over the past week the *Spectator* has sought to examine these changes, to gain a better perspective on the range of opinions held by students, faculty and administrators regarding staffing and other pressing campus issues.

Faculty opinion on Stewart and the first full semester of her administration is, on the whole, positive. "I was impressed by President Stewart when she first spoke on being appointed, and have been impressed since then," said Nancy Rabinowitz, the Margaret Bundy Scott Professor of Comparative Literature and a member of the Kirkland/Hamilton faculty since 1974. "I think that she has been very sensibly getting the lay of the land, meeting with students and employees."

Professor of History Maurice Isserman also had nothing but positive things to say about President Stewart's time on the Hill: "President Stewart is the best thing to happen to Hamilton College in the fourteen years that I've been here. She understands problems the college is facing, and she has shown genuine leadership in beginning to address those problems, which is something that we've needed for a long time."

Students, however, seem to have a more mixed opinion of Stewart's tenure thus far. James Downey '04, a sociology major and senior intern in the admissions office, once considered Stewart to be a true "student advocate," but has new concerns following the dismissal of Flossie Mitchell. "Prior to the Flossie thing occurring, I'd had quite a bit of respect for the new president, and I'd been pretty impressed. But I thought it [dismissing Mitchell] was a very bold move for only three months on her job. Frankly, I think it has really hurt her reputation with the students, administrators and faculty."

Kylie Gibson '04, however, believes that students should give Stewart a chance. "I think there have been so many negative things said about her, that it is hard to find the positive. In all honesty, she deserves a chance. We'll just have to wait and see," she said.

In a lengthy interview with the *Spectator*, Dean of the Faculty David Paris '71 strove to correct what he considers to be many students' misconceptions about President Stewart and the "major changes" she has implemented in her months at Hamilton.

"President Stewart is taking stock, she is talking to everyone and learning as much as possible. She's forming her own particular views, particularly on residential life. When someone new arrives, it does take a certain amount of time for things to start taking shape."

In fact, as Paris pointed out, the number of new administrators on the Hill this year is not as large a percentage of college officers as it might seem. Karen Leach, David Smallen, Daniel O'Leary and Richard Tantillo, as well as the Dean himself, have all retained their positions. The new officers (President, Dean of Students, Dean of Admissions) are just "in very visible positions, but by no means do they constitute the whole of the administration." Paris also reminded the campus that the soon-to-be concluded dean of admission search was begun prior to President Stewart's arrival on campus.

President Stewart herself seems to recognize the controversy her actions have caused. In an interview with the *Spectator* published this week (see page 10), Stewart comments on the frustration that many students seem to feel toward her dismissal of Flossie Mitchell.

"The difficult thing for me is that I really can't comment on this position and I think you can understand the ethical and personal issues involved. I can't do it. What I can do and what I've said before is that I am very appreciative of what Flossie Mitchell has done, and I'm very grateful to her for what she's accomplished."

Alexandra Sear '05 and Jon Kuhl '06 contributed to this article

The Community looks ahead...

by Blake Erb '05
INSIGHT AND IDEAS WRITER

The departure of Dean of Admission Richard Fuller and the imminent loss of Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell have left two important roles in the Administration to fill. Whatever the reasons for Fuller's departure, he was a great asset to the Hamilton college community and most likely caused many prospective students sitting on the fence to pursue Hamilton College instead of other NESCAC schools. This does not mean that a new Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid will not be able to fill Fuller's shoes. The new Dean will hopefully propose ideas to make the college attractive for a more diverse group of students, provide sufficient financial aid, and continue to make the Office of Admission a great first impression on prospective students.

The next step is handling all of the students' needs once they arrive on campus. This responsibility falls upon many hands at this college, but the lion's share rests upon the shoulders of the Dean of Students Office. Dean Mitchell is one of the kindest, most pleasant administrators I have met. Mitchell cares for every student with whom she deals and truly is concerned about student interests. Mitchell has done an excellent job of balancing the interests of the students with the interests of other members of this community. Like Fuller, Dean Mitchell will be missed by all, both as an administrator and a friend. This being said, a new Dean of Students will bring a new approach to lots of the issues surrounding students and the campus. Issues surrounding residence halls, the alcohol policy, and other campus concerns are very prominent in the minds of the students and the Dean of Students will be heavily involved with these matters. The new Dean must make a conscious effort to listen and study the opinions of Hamilton students. If students feel that they have had input and the chance to fight for

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Help wanted: how to find a dean

by Alexandra Sear '05
MANAGING EDITOR

Hamilton has been through quite a few administrative changes in the past year. President Stewart took office only this summer, and in the next few weeks she will announce who will be Hamilton's new dean of admission. The search for a new dean of students is starting presently. How do these officers get chosen? Given the recent turnover in senior College officers, the *Spectator* set out to report how Hamilton finds its leaders.

Senior officers are not picked by a single person's decree: the search process consists of many stages and involves many people from all areas of the Hamilton community.

According to Meredith Harper Bonham, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees, President Stewart will chose "the members of the search committee in coming weeks." This committee will be similar in form to the committees for the recent presidential and dean of admission searches, and will include faculty members, trustees, students, and other senior officers of the College. The President has not decided who will head the new committee, but presumably it will be someone with extensive experience with student life. The Chair of the Board of Trustees, Stuart Scott, headed the presidential committee, and Professor of Philosophy Katheryn Doran chaired the admission committee. Each of these included one student (Daisy Mera '04 and Sarah Karalunas '04, respectively), but Bonham said that the dean of students committee will most likely include more than one student.

The college then contracts a search firm to do "basically a culling process" of the country, drawing on the firm's "wide range of contacts in higher education and outside," said Bonham. For the imminent dean of students search, "we are looking for a firm that has expertise in the area of student affairs and has done successful searches for positions in this field," said Bonham. But before the firm starts to look for candidates, we as an institution have to know what we want.

The search firm sends each candidate a "position description" or "challenge statement." According to Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs David C. Paris, this statement is "an explanation of the situation and expectations of the college." The statement is unique for every search, and, as Dean Paris stressed, "involves getting input from a number of constituencies, including students and faculty."

Bonham echoed this: "[The position description] comes out of conversations with many different groups on campus, especially students... that's where students can have a tremendous amount of input, essentially in focus groups. We will probably have an open forum where all students can talk with members of the search committee and search firm to tell us what you want. If people want to have a say, this is going to be the most important stage."

Sarah Karalunas '04 said that the "search firm does a lot of the preliminary work, including reference checks and preliminary interviews." She added that "The quality of almost all of the candidates was very high. All of them would have done a good job. We certainly didn't have to settle." Professor Doran said that there was remarkable agreement among the search firm and all the committee members, calling the recently concluded process "remarkably smooth."

Of course, sometimes administrators get chosen from among people already at Hamilton; former president Eugene M. Tobin was already at Hamilton when he was named as President. Bonham said that "the search committee will solicit nominations from the community" for anyone they want considered for the office, whether they are currently at Hamilton or not.

After the committee narrows down the candidates, a small number of them come to campus for a round of interviews. Professor Doran said that eight dean of admission candidates made the cut and visited in December. They met with many people on campus, including the senior admission interns. For the dean of students search, there will be many more meetings with students.

The campus as a whole usually won't know who the select candidates are until one is chosen, but sometimes candidates make public talks where anyone can come to listen, ask questions and offer feedback. This was the case with the last dean of the faculty search where four candidates gave public addresses. This was not the case, however, with the recent dean of admission search; not all of the candidates had openly announced their candidacy to their home institutions.

After the first round of visits, the search committee then decides to recommend a very small number of candidates to President Stewart. She makes the final decision. In the dean of admission search, the committee has recommended two candidates and the President's choice will be announced in the next few weeks.

According to Meredith Harper Bonham, the President "hopes to have someone in place [as the new dean of students] by the fall," but that as of yet most of the details of the search are still being worked out. Hopefully the campus will lend its support and students will significantly impact the process.

Karalunas hopes that this will be the case: "For [the Dean of Students] position, there should be more student input and more contact with the student body in general. Especially with the controversy over Flossie's departure, it would be a nice gesture to gather even more student input to make the transition smoother."

Bonham also stresses the need for meaningful student involvement in finding their new dean: "We really hope students take an active role, as they can have an impact on the future.... we had an open forum when we were looking for the new president last year and only eight students came.

Features

Get ready, juniors: fellowships available

by Allison Kent '04
FEATURES WRITER

On April 9th, applications from juniors are due for Hamilton's Senior Fellowship Program. The Academic Council encourages underclassmen interested in "a personal project of study" during their senior you to learn more about the program and application process.

Carl Rubino, Professor of Classics and Director of the Senior Fellowship Program, describes the experience as an "unparalleled opportunity." Selected fellows are given the freedom and opportunity of a self education environment in which they complete a project demonstrating a high intellectual caliber and intellectual growth.

Applications must include a detailed description of the intended project, reasons of interest, project goals and how these goals will be achieved. Applicants select a principal and co-advisor to support them in the application process as well as direct them throughout the fellowship. Applications are submitted to the Academic Council and then recommended to the Dean of Faculty, David Paris. Dean Paris appoints the senior fellows and, with the Academic Council, supervises and aids in student projects.

The Senior Fellow independent study atmosphere does not require enrollment of more than one class each semester of senior year, and a participant does not need to complete concentration requirements. However, most Hamilton students have accomplished the fellowship along with completing a major to receive course credit. This untraditional curriculum does not impose on a student's transcript or GPA. Dean Paris assures, "graduate schools look kindly on the program because it is an honor that shows independence."

Senior fellows Melissa Stoos and Jessica Kent are currently working on senior projects. Stoos is majoring in biology along with completing her project, "An Investigation of Nitrated Octopamine Compounds." Kent is studying Creative Writing and Literature while working on a novel for which she has composed 200 pages. Both students have found the program to be successful in preparing them for future careers. Stoos appreciates the extent of research and experimentation she is able to perform outside the classroom. In contrast to conventional undergrad classes, her experiences are "new everyday" and she says, "I figure out why and what to do."

Kent also views the fellowship as a beneficial step towards her future career. Because there is "no class on novel writing at an undergraduate level [the program] is helping me move in the direction of what I want my career to be."

Both women, along with members of the Academic Council, advise underclassmen to begin thinking about this opportunity early on. Professor Herman Lehman of the biology Dept. suggested to Stoos and now recommends younger students to "think about it young and begin working over the summer." Stoos concurs, and adds that her application was ten pages long.

A public lecture to present the fellowship projects is open to the community within the month before final examinations. An assessment of the project is conducted on a written final paper submitted two weeks prior to the final the examination period and an oral defense is held before the last day of classes. Both the principal and co-advisor along with the board of examiners, collaborate to determine a Credit or No Credit grade.

Students may contact Professor Rubino for proposal and application preparation guidelines. More information about the Senior Fellowship Program, including past fellows and their projects, can be found on the Hamilton website under "Academics" at the "Student Fellowships and Scholarships" link.

The Academic Council speaks highly of the fellowships and acknowledges the ambition and self-discipline of students who participate. According to Dean Paris, the Senior Fellowship Program allows students to, "effectively go out on your own your senior year of college."

Seniors feel the pressure as the clock winds down

by Kim Payne '04
FEATURES WRITER

There are ten weeks and fifty days left of classes. That means twenty hour-and-fifteen-minute classes and thirty fifty-minute classes. And need I mention, even fewer Saturday nights? But, what this really means is that seniors have already begun to panic.

Welcome to the spring semester; a time when we seniors get short-tempered and crabby because we realize that in a few short months, we will receive a diploma, a hand shake, and a swift kick in the ass that sends us hurtling into the Real World. If the Real World was the San Diego beach house that we see on MTV, then we might not have a problem; however, for the other 99% of Americans our age, it is a little more intimidating. The Real World is not just a pile of bills, it is where you are expected to be an upstanding citizen and a positive contribution to society regardless of your SAT score, or your demographic details. In this Real World, you can no longer remind people of the amount of money that your mom and dad pay for you to be standing there on the subway. Nor will you be able to bribe the Police force with donuts if you left your car in the Fire Lane overnight because you were too hammered to move it. We will no longer be sheltered by the bubble on the hill and as of May 23rd, we're gonna be big kids just like everyone else.

However, the majority of us are not ready. We haven't heard back from our number one law school, cover letters are still undergoing construction, the Career Center is bombarding us with e-mails that only make us anxious, and Mom and Dad...well, yeah, they aren't helping. Our lives are on a kind of hiatus and our futures are hazy.

For senior James Downey, "each day is a step closer to unemployment" and Celine Geiger giggled when she spoke of pitching a tent in California if her "help me God" letters didn't elicit pity from influential alumni. Stephanie Bragg is hoping for a job across the Atlantic, but if she does end up unemployed, at least she'll be unemployed in England and that feels a little more glamorous. And, Priyanka Khanna, when questioned about the progress of her post-graduation preparations, tactfully declined comment and instead opted for a grunt and an eye-roll; if you ignore it, it just might go away. We are all at our wit's end with interviews, applications, and theses, not to mention the emotional trauma that has already begun to set-in when we think of leaving behind all our friends in a few short months.

But, there's a positive side to every struggle and I encourage you to see it. Although the thought of being "out there" on our own seems a little scary, and the process to get there is arduous and never-ending, it is exciting to think of the countless opportunities we have; the big, bad world is at our fingertips. We could work in dozens of different fields, we could continue our education in a state we've never been to, we could pick up and move out of the country entirely: travel around or settle down in some far-off land. The possibilities are endless.

However, until we're let loose on Graduation Day, we're forced to forge ahead with all the paper work that will keep the opportunities open, the world at our fingertips, and the possibilities endless. We have a lot to do in a very short amount of time. So, if you're unfortunate to have a run-in with a senior on campus- you're assaulted when you don't get off the computer fast enough, or you're standing in the way of the coffee maker- give us some room, cut us some slack; we're busy shaping the rest of our lives.

Play it Safe
"It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye..."
That's what your parents told you when you were a kid. Shouldn't you tell your children?
Each year thousands of children suffer unnecessary sports-related eye injuries — bruised eyes, scraped or torn corneas, detached retinas and eye hemorrhaging.
Vision Council of America, a nonprofit trade association representing the optical industry, wants parents to know that wearing protective eyewear can prevent or lessen the severity of most eye injuries.
Talk to your eyecare professional about protecting your child's eyes. Safety standards do exist for many sports and your eyecare professional will be able to help you find the eyewear appropriate for your child's activities.
For more information, talk to your eyecare professional or visit the consumer area of VCA's Web site, www.visionsite.org.
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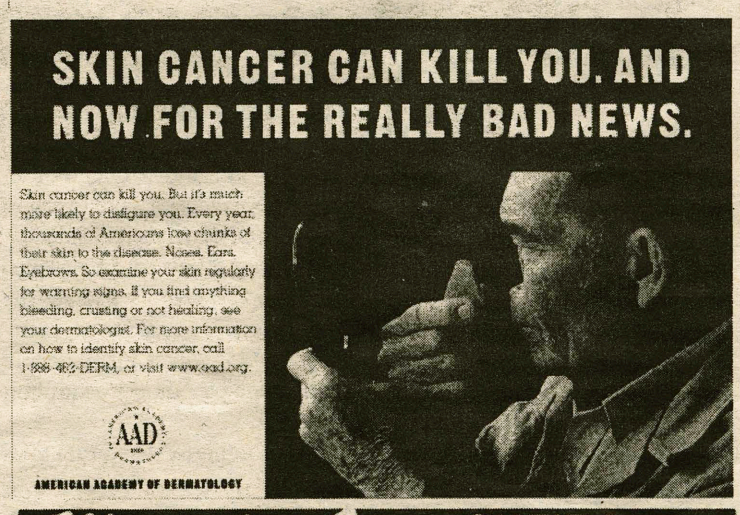
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Parking tickets: What happens when you appeal?

by Andrew Ehrig '06
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

As winter sucker-punches Central New York for yet another year, those Hamilton residents with the luxury of their own (sometimes) heated automobiles are under the threat of having their four-wheeled slices of Bermuda ticketed or towed by Campus Safety.

Since matriculation this year, no fewer than three thousand, one hundred and seventy-four citations have been given out by campus safety. Before any readers cry "foul!" and riot, it is important to remember that Hamilton faculty, staff, students, and visitors are equally subject to the parking policy. At $25, $50, or $75 a violation parking fees cost the campus hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. Many of the tickets served are for faculty and students parking in each others' spaces. This, in turn, causes the space's rightful owner to park illicitly. "There's a domino effect," said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls. Of the tickets served, most are for parking in another driver's spot, or in a fire lane.

"This is a pedestrian campus," said Ingalls. Both the main and west quads are considered fire lanes. It is the school's responsibility to enforce the lanes or face fines from the Fire Department. Despite this, Campus Safety tries to be lenient on occasions such as moving days, or before and after breaks. If roadways are not kept clear, however, the school may face fines from the fire department if the fire lanes are blocked during an emergency

"A pretty good number of them are unregistered. The majority seems to fall on sophomores who get stuck in North Lot," Campus Safety Night Supervisor Wayne Gentile said. Gentile went on to explain that a large percentage of tickets go to underclassmen who are unfamiliar with the parking policy. In addition to these familiar regulations drivers have also been assigned additional responsibilities since the fall semester. Drivers on campus are required to move their vehicles whenever the lots are plowed.

As the parking handbook states, the campus is required to be aware of the Physical Plant's towing schedule and to move their vehicles at the appropriate times, the reason for this being that the plows can't operate with a Ford Expedition in the way. The Physical Plant sends regular e-mails to inform drivers of the plowing schedule. If a vehicle is still in its space when the plows arrive, Campus Safety will have it towed away. "We usually call the owner ahead of time to give them one last chance," said Gentile.

However, there is a final recourse for the owners of towed or ticketed vehicles. If they wish to contest a, fine they may bring their case before the Parking Appeals Board. If the Board finds in favor of the owner the fee is waived. The Board takes into consideration whether this is the owner's first offense, as well as extenuating circumstances.

The Board itself is a volunteer entity consisting of four students from the Student Government, and representatives from the faculty and staff. The Board meets and a student coordinator presents each case to the other members. Upon reviewing the appeal form, the committee votes and mails itsdecision to the plaintiff.

Anyone who wishes to appeal a parking citation can find the appeal form in the Campus Safety office.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

30 YEARS AGO
February 15, 1974

Insider's Houseparty Guide

People do strange things during houseparties. Things they normally don't do. Beside the drunks from Chi Psi, shading their bloodshot eyes in the middle of the afternoon, and beside the bleery eyed in the Libraru Sunday night, groaning over theur books and holding their heads, there are some individuals whose presence is difficult to account for.

1. How to identify the unfamiliar female faces at the Bristol Snack Bar.

Many of them are from Skidmore, Cazenovia, Wells, or elsewhere. But some of them are new Kirkland trasnfers whom you just have never seem before, or they are hometown girlfriends. In any case, guessing wrong can lead to embarassment at the cash register. There are still two ways to tell where they're from after they've ditched their suitcase, without coming right out with it.

Walk up to the girl and say something non-commital about Kirkland College, like, "The sun is shining bright over Kirkland this afternoon, don't you think?" If she answers from out of nowhere, "Ooooch, they dress so sloppy at Kirkland, don't they," you know she is an out-of-towner.

If she doesn't answer favorable however, there is another, more roundabout way. Just eavesdrop during her conversation with her Hamilton escort. If she says anything like, "What's your name again?" or "You are the date Susuan from Oswego set up aren't you?" that may tip you off.

2. Why the Hamilton student is talking to the sweet seventh grade girl from Clinton Central at five o'clock Friday afternoon.

He belongs to a fraternity whose houseparty is open to dates and only dates. He's at wits end. He must swing the local to the beer and the band, even if she has to be home by twelve. If not, he will go drag, accompanying his worried roommate who also has no date.

3. Who is the girl in the ankle-length dress, sneaking out the back door of McIntosh at dusk?

She is a Kirkland student who has been invited to a cocktail party at a Hamilton fraternity. Don't say anythin g to her; she feels guilty enough as it is.

4. What is the gawky guy with a mustachio dressed in a tennis sweater and plaid pants doing, conspicuously looking inconspicuous?

That is Dean of Students R. Gordon Bingham. It's not that he means to crash any parties; he just wants to make sure no one runs off with the statue of Alexander Hamilton. Drunk students have a tendency to do such things.

OUR to distribute t-shirts; announces info sessions

Contuining its already strong push towards mobilizing student responsibility, Our United Responsibility (OUR) has announced a new plan to reach even more students. Beginning Monday, OUR representatives will go to each of the residence halls on campus, giving small information sessions and handing out t-shirts to student participants.

The t-shirts, designed by Tom Booth '06, convey the now infamous slogan, "Stop breaking shit!"

O.U.R.'s mission is to heighten student awareness about the negative effects of alcohol abuse, while promoting personal responsibility. With the March 15 deadline given to the Coalition on Alcohol, O.U.R. seeks to give students a voice in any recommendations or decisions that may come about.

Please consult the schedule below to find out when O.U.R. is coming to your dorm.

FEBRUARY 21, MONDAY

6:00 Keehn/ Root in Keehn's dining room, **7:00 McIntosh, Minor, Major** in McIntosh lounge
8:00 Farmhouse in Farmhouse, **9:00 South** in South's lounge
Bundy East/West & Wally J/ DKE TBA

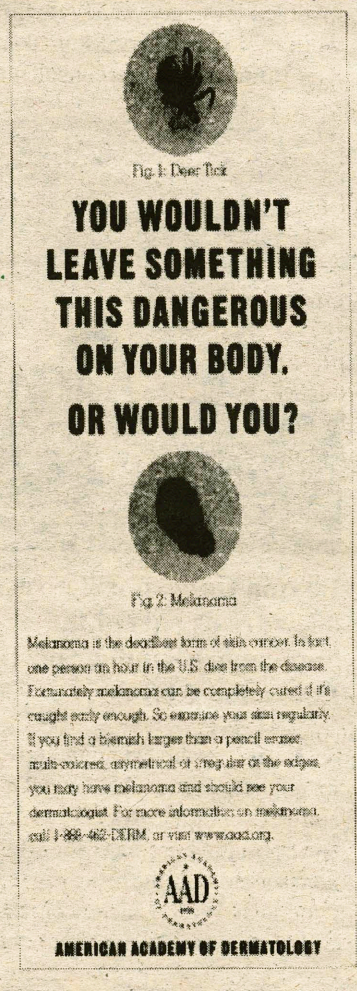
FEBRUARY 22, TUESDAY

8:00 Eells, Ferguson, Woolcott in Ferguson's Lounge, **9:00 Carnegie** in Carnegie's Lounge

FEBRUARY 23, WEDNESDAY

7:00 Dunham in Dunham's Lounge, Babbitt, **8:00 North/Kirkland** in Kirkland's Lounge. **9:00 Millbank** in Millbank

To get involved in O.U.R.'s movement, please e-mail cmcbride@hamilton..edu or tmoyer@hamilton.edu.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YOU WOULDN'T LEAVE SOMETHING THIS DANGEROUS ON YOUR BODY.
OR WOULD YOU?
Fig 2: Melanoma
Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer. In fact one person an hour in the U.S. dies from the disease. Fortunately melanoma can be completely cured if it's caught early enough. So examine your skin regularly. If you find a blemish larger than a pencil eraser, multi-colored, asymmetrical or irregular in the edges, you may have melanoma and should see your dermatologist. For more information on melanoma, call 1-888-462-DERM, or visit www.aad.org.
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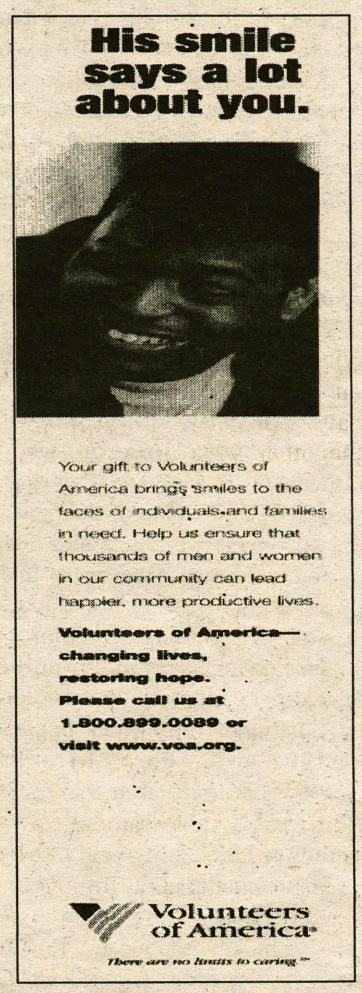
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Arts & Entainment

Womyn Who Rock!

Alina Troya '04 fills you in on the second annual event

On Wednesday, February 25, the Womyn's Center will be sponsoring their second annual Womyn Who Rock event in the Fillius Events Barn. Eliza Croen '06 and Lauren Fisher '05 were the creative minds behind the event when it began last year. This year, Laura Crandall '04 has joined the team, and chair of the Womyn's Center, Bea Dias '04, is also lending her hard work to help bring the event together. Even though Lauren Fisher, junior chair of the Womyn's Center, is abroad this semester, she will return to M.C. the show. Womyn Who Rock will feature female singers, dancers, creative writers, and studio artists, showcasing their talents in an effort to support all women in the arts. There are roughly 35 Hamilton College women participating in this year's event.

A big incentive for artists entering a piece into the show is a chance to win a $200 cash scholarship that will go towards furthering their talent in any way. There are three categories: Performance Art, Creative Writing, and Studio Art. A panel of female judges, including professors and the Womyn's Center co-chairs, will decide on the recipients. Last year's winners of the scholarships included a marimba player, a sculptor, a photographer, and one of the founders of rhyme lab.

When asked what prompted the foundation of this event, Fisher said, "We started Womyn Who Rock because of the lack of performance space for women on campus. It was lots of fun last year, and a big success, so we decided to continue it this year." She rightly notes that it is important for women to have the opportunity to display their talents in a way that is different from the everyday. Although not all works that will be displayed or performed on Wednesday pertain directly to women's issues, it is encouraged and expected that a large portion of them will. In either case, the message that women are intelligent, talented and creative is certainly clear.

Be sure to come out and support the women of Hamilton College on Wednesday, February 25! From 6-9pm, there will be a display of artwork in the Barn for viewing. At 9pm, performances will begin, including dance, music, singing, spoken word, and recitation of poems or short stories. There will also be Opus goodies! The event is free and open to the public.

H.C. Performing Arts presents Elements Quartet

Clinton, NY—The Performing Arts at Hamilton continues the Classical Connections series on Friday, Feb. 27, with a performance entitled by the Elements Quartet at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. The Hamilton program will feature excerpts from Elements' recent "Snapshots" project in which the quartet commissioned 15 composers to each write a 2-5 minute piece inspired by a photo they own. Like a good snapshot, each selection will capture a fleeting feeling or moment in time. The second half of the program is devoted to Beethoven.

The Elements Quartet is dedicated to communicating the excitement of chamber music to contemporary audiences of all ages. Founded in the summer of 1999, the ensemble has already won acclaim for its passionate performances and dynamic programs. The quartet's repertoire ranges from popular masterpieces to neglected treasures, and from Baroque classics to newly commissioned works by today's most celebrated composers - an eclectic and expansive view of the quartet literature that is unified by the group's keen musicianship and its fresh insights into how chamber music can connect with today's listeners.

Called "an important new ensemble" by the composer David Del Tredici, the Elements Quartet is a partnership of highly

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The Elements Quartet will perform in Wellin Hall on Feb. 27th.

skilled musicians. In contrast to some quartets, which form when their players are students, the four musicians of the Elements Quartet enjoyed successful individual careers in major international orchestras and distinguished chamber-music ensembles before their mutual love for the quartet sound brought them together. The Quartet carries forward a long chamber music tradition, having studied with members of the Cleveland, Tokyo, Juilliard, and Guarneri quartets.

The Elements Quartet selected its name for its evocative musical and metaphysical associations. The ancient Greeks saw Air, Earth, Water, and Fire as the elements that formed the natural world. Scientists of the 20th Century defined the cosmos with the Table of Elements. Today's researchers are exploring our elements in the Human Genome Project. In a string quartet, each member contributes a unique musical, human, and creative element that knits together to form a seamless whole. All of these definitions merge to form the artistic vision of the Elements Quartet. Like the word, Elements has a multiplicity of meanings and messages, yet always seeks to find the irreducible core-the basic material that is universal to us all.

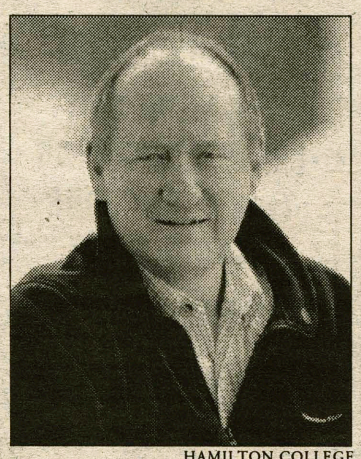
Members of the Elements Quartet are Evan Mirapaul, violin; Peter Seidenberg, cello; Jeffrey Multer, violin; and Danielle Farina, violin.

Author and filmmaker on "How Lewis and Clark Wrote Their Way Across America, and Into Immortality"

Clinton, NY — February 18, 2004 — Author Dayton Duncan will present "How Lewis and Clark Wrote Their Way Across America, and Into Immortality" on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m., in Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. He will cover topics addressed in his books, including his latest, *Scenes of Visionary Enchantment: Reflections on Lewis & Clark.* The lecture is free and open to the public and is sponsored by Hamilton College's Writing Center, the dean of faculty, the department of history and the American studies program.

Hamilton Professor of History Maurice Isserman, who is teaching a class on Lewis and Clark, said: "One of the reasons we remember Lewis and Clark today is because they were, in the words of historian Donald Jackson, the 'writingest explorers,' turning out over a half million words recounting their exploration in their journals between 1804 and 1806. Meriwether Lewis in particular was a fine writer, whose journal entries convey the excitement of being instrumental in the discovery of new lands and new peoples."

In 1997, Duncan wrote and co-produced *Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery*, a four-hour documentary that attained the second-highest ratings in the history of PBS. He has been involved for many years with the work of documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. He was a consultant



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Dayton Duncan will give a lecture as part of the Sophomore Seminar on Lewis and Clark.

on Burns' award-winning series for public television, *The Civil War* and *Baseball,* and was co-writer and consulting producer for a 12-hour series about the history of the American West which won the Erik Barnouw Award from the Organization of American Historians. Duncan's most recent project with Burns, *Horatio Drive*, is another historical documentary about the first transcontinental automobile trip.

Duncan has authored nine books. His book *Out West: A Journey Through Lewis & Clark's America* chronicles his retracing of the Lewis and Clark trail. This book was listed as a Book-of-the-Month Club alternate selection, as well as a finalist for the Western Writers of America's Spur Award. His books for younger readers, *People of the West and The West: An Illustrated History for Children*, have been acclaimed by the National Council of Social Studies and the Children's Book Council, The New Yorker magazine and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. His new book, *Scenes of Visionary Enchantment: Reflections on Lewis & Clark*, will be on sale at this event.

When not producing or writing, Duncan has been involved with politics. He served as chief of staff to New Hampshire Gov. Hugh Gallen, as well as the deputy national press secretary for Walter Mondale's presidential campaign in 1984. Four years later, he served as national press secretary for Michael Dukakis's 1988 presidential campaign.

This week, the Samuel Kirkland Film Society will be showing

Lost In Translation

Starring Bill Murray

Nominated for four Oscars, including Best Actor and Best Picture; winner of the Golden Globes for the same categories

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Friday 7pm, 10pm

Saturday 10pm, 12am

Sunday 7pm, 10pm

Movie News:
Green Hornet, Star Wars on DVD and *Sex and the City: The Movie*

Here are a few of the latest stories in the world of Hollywood, courtesy of The Associated Press:

'Sex and the City' May Be on Big Screen

NEW YORK - This weekend may not be the swan song for "Sex and the City." The series' top executive, Michael Patrick King, and the show's cast is in discussions with HBO about a movie that would continue the saga of the four New York City friends, HBO spokeswoman Tobe Becker said Thursday.

Becker would not comment specifically on a Variety report that HBO is trying to wrap up deals with series stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon and Kristin Davis to bring their roles to the big screen.

While movie adaptations of popular TV shows are fairly common, it's far more unusual to bring the original cast of a TV show to a movie played in theaters.

The final episode of the HBO series is to air Sunday with the question lingering: Will Carrie Bradshaw ditch her artist boyfriend in Paris and return to the city she loves and/or Big, her philandering former flame?

Edited versions of the HBO series will begin appearing on cable's TBS later this year.

Kevin Smith to Write and Direct 'Hornet'

LOS ANGELES - Kevin Smith is creating new buzz around "The Green Hornet."

The filmmaker behind "Chasing Amy," "Dogma" and the upcoming "Jersey Girl" will write and direct a new film about the masked crimefighter and his martial-arts sidekick, Kato, Miramax Films announced Wednesday.

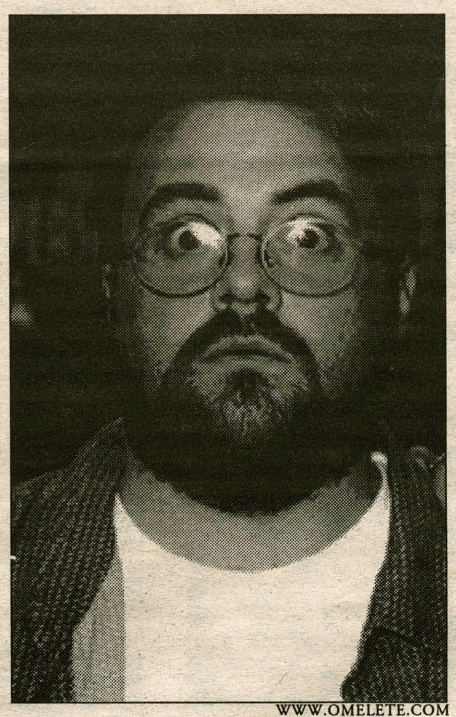
"Long-time comics geek gets to make comic book movie?" Smith said, speculating about a possible newspaper headline. "This is a dream come true."

"The Green Hornet" chronicled the adventures of billionaire vigilante Britt Reid as he rode around catching bad guys in a sci-fi car. It was created by Fran Striker and George Trendle, who also worked together to create "The Lone Ranger."

The story started out as radio serial that launched in 1936 and later became a popular comic book. But it's probably best remembered as a 1966 TV series with Van Williams (news) as the Hornet and Bruce Lee (news) as Kato.

Smith, who often plays the mum, comic-book loving character Silent Bob in many of his movies, is a real-life comic lover who sold most of his collection to help finance the $27,000 budget of his 1994 black-and-white comedy "Clerks."

In addition to his film work, Smith has written for the Marvel Comics book "Daredevil" and the DC Comics character "Green Arrow." He also owns a comic store in Red Bank, N.J.



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Kevin Smith is set to write and direct the film adaptation of "The Green Hornet."

"Kevin knows more about comic characters, books and the creative process than anyone else I have ever met," said Miramax co-chief Harvey Weinstein, who approved the project.

Smith promised his "Green Hornet" adaptation would be an "exciting, chop-socky-filled action flick, but it's gonna have a compelling story, believable characters, and great dialogue to boot! Let's roll, Kato!"

Star Wars' DVD Set to Debut in September

LOS ANGELES - "Star Wars" fans will finally get the Force-feeding they've been asking for. The original three "Star Wars" films — among the most anticipated on DVD — will be released in the digital format Sept. 21 in North America, LucasFilm Ltd. and 20th Century Fox announced Tuesday. A price for the package and international release dates were to be revealed later.

The original "Star Wars" movie from 1977 — now titled "Star Wars: Episode IV — A New Hope" because of the newer prequels — will be compiled in a four-disc collection along with the follow-ups "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi."

"For all the fans who've been watching VHS and wearing out tapes, this will be a leap into hyperspace," said Jim Ward, a Lucasfilm marketer and DVD executive producer.

The fourth disc will be for bonus features, including what the companies described as "the most comprehensive feature-length documentary ever produced about the `Star Wars' saga" and archive footage from the making of all three films.

They were re-released in theaters in "special edition" versions in 1997 that included touched-up effects and some new scenes.

The versions on DVD will feature only the special editions, LucasFilm spokeswoman Lynn Hale said.

Even though many fans of the original movies had hoped the rougher, unaltered films would also be provided, Ward said there wasn't much debate about whether to release the unaltered originals.

"The official definitive versions are the 1997 special editions. That's the version the artist, in this case George Lucas (news), intended to be seen," he said.

There have been two prequels since "Return of the Jedi" wrapped up the original series in 1983.

"Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" debuted in 1999, followed by "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones" in 2002. Both are already available on DVD and will not be included in the original trilogy package in September.

The yet-untitled third prequel recently wrapped principal photography and is set for release in 2005.

- Compiled by Brian Sweeney

Teitur's *Poetry and Aeroplanes*
Megan Semerod '06 talks about her latest musical addiction

Every so often I become addicted to a cd or a song. I mean it's to the point where my suitemates and roommate also have the lyrics memorized. Sometimes, my influence results in a shared obsession. Over break, I developed this fixation on Teitur and his cd, *Poetry and Aeroplanes*.

In November 2003, Teitur opened for John Mayer on his US tour and is currently iconducting his own small club tour here. Teitur Lassen, a native of the Denmark Faroe Islands (located between Iceland and Scotland) released his debut album in the United States in 2003. The 25-year-old Danish singer and acoustic guitarist is accompanied by Pino Palladino on bass, Matt Chamberlain on drums and Patrick Warren on keys.

Poetry and Aeroplanes refers to the travel (between America, where he was recording, and his family in Europe) . Many of the tracks include reference to long distance relationships and the longing to be together again. This theme surfaces in the track, *I Was Just Thinking*, "Yeah I'm tired of postcards/ Especially the ones with cute dogs and cupids/ I'm tired of calling you and missing you/ And dreaming that I've slept with you/ Don't get me wrong I still desperately love you/ Inside this weary head/ I just want us to love, just instead/ But I was just thinking and thinking, merely thinking/ I think about long distance rates instead of kissing you babe." His equally captivating piece, *To Meet You* builds on this travel idea, "It's 5 miles 'till I see my lover/ I guess you could say that she's more than that/ I've been sat in this seat now for hours/ Reading my book like a map/ Yeah, these windows are crying/ And this train is dying to meet you." He paints a poetic and rhythmic picture of this lonely train ride, reminding you that music is truly an art.

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Danish singer Teitur Lassen, a "great complement to John Mayer."

Although a great complement to Mayer, Teitur holds his own as a performer. Even in a spacious arena, seated on the stage with one stark light, he instantly connects with his audience. He weaves his lyrical message into his acoustic chords that set an emotional tone that is neither dreary nor down. He makes you feel. His signature theme seems to be leaving home, leaving lovers and even leaving childhood , but his delivery makes you feel like he took your hand to help you walk away. Teitur is comfort music, perfect after returning home after a bad day. He can soothe you even when you hear him for the 100th time.

Weekend Box Office Results
Weekend/ **Total**

1. *50 First Dates* $45,107,871 / **$45,107,871**
2. *Miracle* $17,010,471/**$40,050,545**
3. *Barbershop 2* $17,010,471/**$40,050,545**
4. *You Got Served* $6,023,188/ **$33,006,206**
5. *The Butterfly Effect* $5,959,335/ **$49,179,651**
6. *Catch That Kid* $5,878,900/ **$12,379,409**
7. *Along Came Polly* $5,454,855/ **$82,011,840**
8. *The Return of the King* $5,090,281/ **$357,367,856**
9. *Mystic River* **$4,308,326/ $75,269,389**
10. *Cold Mountain* $3,937,559/ **$87,758,959**

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Health & Fitness

The affects of alcohol on weight loss

by Louis Vaickus '05
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Everyone knows that drinking is bad for you but the extent to which this is true has gained increasing support. New studies provide strong evidence that ethyl alcohol contains functional calories. Namely, useful energy can be extracted from the alcohol in beverages in astonishing quantities.

"Wait, if alcohol has calories, why are there no nutrition facts on hard alcohol and wine bottles?"

The reason is that alcohol is not traditionally considered to be a food source. Nutritional information only contains calories from sources such as protein, fat, carbohydrates, sugars...etc. The bulk of "traditional" calories in beer come from carbohydrates, while those in wine come from unfermented sugars. Hard liquor typically has no nutritional information because it is essentially alcohol, water, indigestible coloring and flavorants.

The amou
nt of calories gained from the ingestion of alcohol is nothing short of astounding. The agreed metabolic gain for ethanol is 7cal/g. This may not seem like a significant amount but consider the content of traditional energy sources. Carbohydrates and proteins contain 4cal/g, while fat, the ultimate calorie depot, contains 9cal/g. (Atkins followers may want to look to metabolic pathways if unsure about eating chicken fried beef on a bed of bacon!)

With such a potent source of energy present in all alcoholic beverages it stands to reason that additions should be made to the nutritional information of such products. Before you go ahead and do the calculations yourself (I know you were jumping for the calculator, well, not if you're normal) I already have. To the typical shot of hard alcohol (80-100 proof, 1.5oz) add 98-122 calories. To your average glass of wine (10-13% ethanol, 5oz) add 82-106 calories. And to your standard can of keystone light (4.2% ethanol, 12oz) add 82 calories.

Does this mean that a person could live on nothing but alcohol? (No, this is not a wager: don't try this at home!) Technically yes, if they were a calorimeter and not a bag of sensitive organs, fluids and nerves. A small number of people have no doubt tried the "early grave diet," however consuming a 2500 calorie portion of alcohol every day would be suicidal-you can do the math for yourself.

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Next time you think about grabbing that extra beer...

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remember its affects on your exercise routine.

So, what should the serious dieter and athlete know? You'll have to work twice as hard to lose weight if you drink regularly and alcohol consumption hinders muscle growth and healing, especially right after a workout. The solution, though it might be painful, is to not drink as regularly.

This doesn't mean you should have a few beers instead of ten. To make a difference alcohol shouldn't be consumed at all on "diet day." Even a little bit of alcohol can have significant physiological effects whether you're aware of them or not. Consider the four pillars of alcohol consumption.

Pestilence: alcohol ingestion reduces the rate of metabolism. What this means: the number of calories (from fat or from your last meal) that you would normally burn just from walking around, venting heat, breathing and maintaining your posture will be significantly reduced.

Famine: alcohol ingestion affects areas of the brain, which inhibit appetite. What this means: Even if you're not hungry you'll eat whatever is put in front or you (diner breakfast: the best and worst idea ever). Add these additional calories to your already reduced metabolism and say hello to another 30-120 minutes on the treadmill.

War: alcohol is an immunosuppressive agent (good if you picked up a new kidney over break, bad if you like being healthy). What this means: alcohol ingestion may provide opportunistic bacteria and dormant viruses the opening they were waiting for and exacerbate existing illness. In addition, being sick involves a lot of sitting around and not exercising. Muscle mass will be reabsorbed at a rate as high as 50% per two days of inactivity (the more muscle you have the more calories you burn just sitting around).

Death: alcohol contains functional calories. What this means for you: Any form of ethyl alcohol (methanol and isopropanol are poisonous...someone was already half way to the pharmacy) will be metabolized.

The fit person's apocalypse: Drinking regularly will have negative effects on weight loss and muscle development unless you're willing to exercise religiously.

Any student who has ever realized that their high school self could manhandle them now has likely felt the sting of alcohol induced weight gain (or activity reduction). So, before you have your Monday morning eye opener or post workout relaxation beer, remember that high school you is laughing at what a big softy you've become.

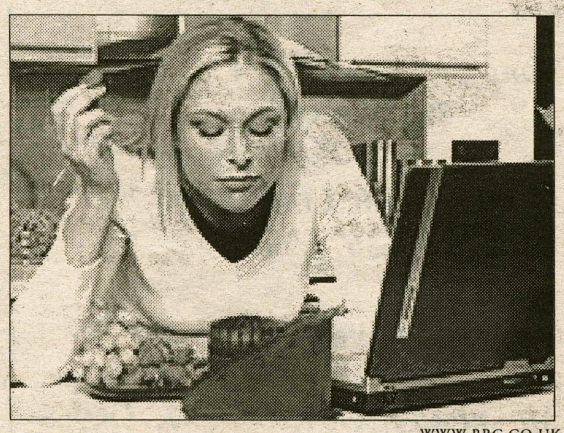
A third dimension to your online experience?

Telewest Broadband tests the possibility of aromatic e-mails

by Stephanie Higgins '04
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Have you ever felt that there just aren't enough dimensions to online technology? In 1932, Aldous Huxley created a world that offered "paradise-engineering" in his futuristic fictional tale Brave New World (BNW). This technology allowed the inhabitants of BNW to go to the movie theatre and experience the film, not just with the two senses of sight and sound, but also with taste, smell, and touch. Seventy-two years later, when a person sits down at their computer screen, they are still only experiencing sight and sound.

The UK net provider Telewest Broadband is currently testing a system that will add a third dimension to your online experience: smell. "Our sense of smell is directly connected to our emotions," says anthropologist Kate Fox, director of the Social Issues research Centre in Oxford. "Smells trigger very powerful and deep-seated emotional responses, and this additional element to the internet will enhance users' online experience."



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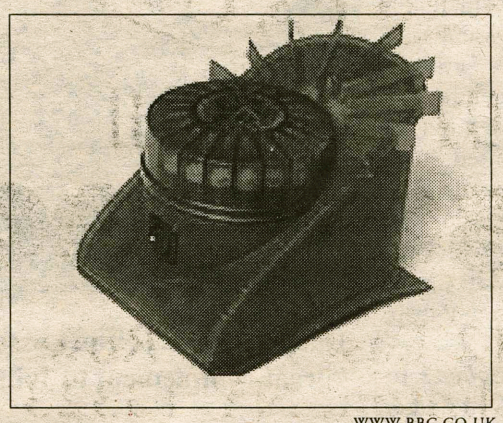
An electonic love letter is in the making. Are virtual back massages next?

With the ability to send aromatic e-mails over the internet, you can spice up a love letter by attaching the scent of your perfume, or send an early morning e-mail to your employees that smells like coffee to give them a jump start on their day. Who knows-maybe supermarkets might start sending you e-mails that smell like the cookies that are on sale this week. But how does this new technology work?

The technology behind the idea was first developed by the American company Trisenx. Telewest Broadband has built on that research and have developed a kind of air freshener that plugs into your computer, just like the ones that plug into the electrical sockets in your bathroom or living room. This air freshener is actually a "scent dome," which contains twenty basic aromas that can be combined to make as many as sixty different smells. An e-mail becomes "scented" when an electronic signal tells the dome to release a given smell.

Chad Raube, director of internet services at Telewest Broadband, is excited about the direction of this project. "This could bring an extra whiff of realism to the internet. We are always looking at ways to enhance the broadband internet experience of the future and this time we are sure consumers will come up smelling roses."



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Telewest Broadband's "scent dome."

Telewest Broadband says that its scent dome could cost around $400, and it would only work with a high-speed, broadband connection, making the chance to sniff your e-mails that much harder. Still, this technological advance gives us a glimpse into a future that may not be all that different from the one in which Huxley envisioned at the beginning of the last century. Telewest is about to show us what technology is capable of.

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- ☐ Decide what type of internship I am ideally looking for (list options below):
- ☐ Decide on the geographic areas in which I am able to work (list options below):
- ☐ Draft a resume
- ☐ Have a Peer or Career Counselor review the resume and approve it if necessary

The Search Process: Do one or more of the following 3 items:

- ☐ Search through online job posting sites and find 15-30 internships of interest
- ☐ Generate a list of 15-30 employers that may offer internships
- ☐ Network with Hamilton alumni and family, friends of family, or other acquaintances

The Application Process:

- ☐ Contact each employer and ask necessary questions
- ☐ Draft cover letters that are tailored to each specific employer/opportunity
- ☐ Apply well in advance of the deadline

Follow-up:

- ☐ Contact each person that you applied to within 2 weeks of sending your materials
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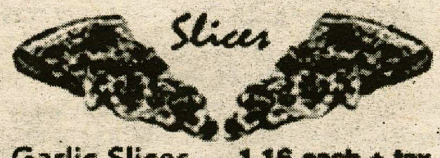

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Men's basketball battles to host UCAA's

by Michael Proia '05
SPORTS WRITER

The men's basketball team got the break they needed this past week when Clarkson lost three consecutive home games to put them into a tie for first place in the conference with Hamilton. The Continentals will travel to Clarkson on Saturday, and if Hamilton wins both of its games over the weekend, it will host the UCAA Tournament for the second year in a row.

Hamilton has fought hard to get into a tie for first, winning its last four games, including a pair of home victories last weekend. Last Friday night, Hamilton routed Vassar, 86-58. The Continentals followed that win up with a thrilling win over Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Hamilton's final regular season home game this year. Saturday's game featured a special halftime ceremony to honor the graduating class, and a post game ceremony to honor head coach Tom Murphy for his 34 years of coaching at Hamilton.

Against Vassar, which is winless in the league thus far this season, Hamilton trailed 17-15 halfway through the first half, but they put it together on offense and defense to go on a 13-0 run to pull away and entered the half up 41-27. By the 15-minute mark of the second half, the lead had reached twenty, 57-37, thanks to a three-pointer by Tim Welchons. Hamilton shot over 60 percent from the floor for the game, and went 18-28 from the field in the second half to pull away and win by 28 points, 86-58.

Joe Smith '04 put up game-highs with 24 points and seven rebounds. Tim Welchons '06 added ten points off he bench, and Tsakane Ngobeni '07 scored fourteen and had six rebounds coming off the bench as well. Hamilton started five seniors, Smith, Greg Leone, Geoff Tomlinson, C.J. Cantil, and Steve Nelson in both games this weekend.

The win over RPI came in a much tougher-fought game, which came down to the final minute of play. RPI hit its first three field goals while Hamilton started the game cold from beyond the three-point arc. But Mikey "Three Point" Evans '05 came off the bench hot and hit four of his first five three's and finished the half with fourteen of Hamilton's 33 points. Hamilton spent most of the first half in a 3-2 zone, and RPI shot 48 percent for the half. RPI led at the half 38-33.

"Mike is as good a shooter as there is in Division III," said coach Murphy, "and he came out hot. In the second half, Tim got hot, and we just kept telling our shooters to keep shooting. We were taking good shots, so you just have keep shooting and sooner or later they'll go."

In the second half, Evans cooled off, but Leone and Welchons both hit some big threes and Joe Smith went to work inside. The Continentals grabbed their first lead of the game at the 10-minute mark on a jumper by Welchons. Hamilton played more man-to-man defense in the second half and RPI big man Jared Hite went to work at that point, scoring at one point ten consecutive RPI points. Hite finished with 30 points and fifteen rebounds.

The Continentals would not let Hite get the best of them and fought hard in front of a loud home crowd. Two Hite free throws put Rensselaer back in front 70-68 with 5:33 remaining. But a Smith lay-up tied the score for the seventh time in the second half before Cantil's three-pointer gave Hamilton the lead for good at 73-70 with 3:29 left. Clarkson trailed by three with 45 seconds to play and tried to play defense and give themselves an opportunity to win, but an unintentional foul allowed Hamilton to ice the game at the free throw line and win 78-73. Hamilton played a 2-3 zone on the final few possessions and by that time the RPI guards had been taken out of the game just enough to create some confusion and RPI did not get good looks at the basket.

"[Hamilton] plays its best when things are looking the bleakest," commented Murphy. "We know what we have to do to win games, and we are going up north with a chance to win the league. So, we have something to play for. Two weeks ago no one thought we had a chance to win the league."

Smith led Hamilton with 19 points, followed by Evans with 16 and Leone with 14. Welchons finished with 13 and Cantil had 12, in addition to eight rebounds and seven assists. Hamilton attempted a season high 44 three pointers, hitting only 13, but winning on the back of a few clutch defensive stops down the stretch.

Joe Smith won UCAA Forward of the Weeks honors for the third straight week this week. Smith averaged 24.3 points, 9.0 rebounds and 2.0 blocked shots, shooting 75 percent from the field for the week.

Hamilton will be at St. Lawrence on Friday night and at Clarkson Saturday afternoon. The Continentals beat St. Lawrence 83-59 on January 31 at home, but lost to Clarkson, 80-85 the night before. Clarkson will play Hobart at home Friday night.

Saturday's post-game ceremony featured three four former players speaking, in addition to the unveiling of a banner bearing Murphy's name hanging from the rafters. The banner was placed along side the others for the 12 All-Americans and the ones marking the numerous ECAC and NCAA Tournament appearances his teams have made. A plaque noting Murphy's achievements will be mounted in the lobby area leading into Margaret Scott Bundy Field House. The ceremony last close to an hour and ended with a picture of all the Hamilton basketball players in attendance.

The prevailing theme of the speakers was the "family" atmosphere within the basketball program. More than one speaker used one of Murphy's favorite sayings to explain what he means to them. As Murphy explained when he closed the ceremony with a speech, "my drill sergeant used to tell me, at the end of your life if you have five people in your life that you would want in a foxhole with you, you've had a great life. Well, there are five seniors on this years team and I would want them all in a foxhole with me any day."

If Hamilton manages to win its final two regular season games, the crowd will get another chance to give him a send-off in the UCAA Tournament. Murphy has 599 career wins as a head coach at Hamilton.

"We have the best fans in Division III," emphasized Murphy after the win over RPI. "And when they get into games, its hard for our kids not to play well. Hopefully we will reward [the fans] by bringing the tournament here because they deserve it."

Athletes of the week: Gould '05 and Schlicher '05

These Powder puff girls are animals on the field and in the dorm room

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS EDITOR

Name: Avery Schlicher
Nicknames: Ave, Schlich, Slavery, Charles
Year: 2005
Hometown: Simsbury, CT
Major: English major Studio Art minor
Hobbies: The OC, Commons, and the occasional drink.
Pregame Rituals: A couple practice shots and a push-up or two.
Marital Status: Thrice divorced.
What number would you want if you could have one: 23, because it's Donnie Baseball's.
If you could be any player in the NFL, who would it be and why: Any Cowboys lineman. I like to hit people and I've got Dallas roots.
What was your attire for kick-off: Black spandex and a polo shirt.
Who was the best player of your team: Turk. That girl is a touchdown machine.
What was your team's strength's and weaknesses: We don't break easily, don't cheat, and were sober. Unfortunately, Bowlby's God-like good looks and the full-body frostbite were distracting.
Better Coach: Bowlby or Mully and why: Mully, duh. He knows how to call the shots.
Was there a particular player you were concerned about: Deirdre Fenton. Not only was she out for blood, but she had that glassy look in her eye.
What's it like tackling girls: It's all about the anger and pretending she's your mom. It's not as exciting as you want it to be.
What should a single guy know about you: This is tackle, not touch.
Do you believe you have what it takes to play regular football at Hamilton: Obviously. USC wanted me, but I'm an Eastern seaboard kind of girl.

Even though Sarah (left) and Avery won only a single game, they decided to decided to celebrate with a cocktail and a big smile.

Name: Sarah Gould
Nicknames: Gouldilocks, Benedict Arnold
Year: 2005
Hometown: Bedford, NY
Major: English/Art History
Hobbies: Cruising the fraternity party circuit with Avery, frequenting downtown establishments, hanging out with DeCastro at Club Spectator, and hunting Daisies during Powderpuff.
Pregame Rituals: I bake an applie pie. It really sets the mood.
Marital Status: I have six husbands and fourteen children.
If you could be like any player on the Hamilton football team, who would it be and why: No one. It's not the prettiest bunch of boys.
If you never wanted to be like someone of the team, who would it be and why: Probably anyone who has to do things like throw or catch or punt (I don't even know what that means, actually.) I don't really like breaking a sweat.
What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses on the field: My greatest strength is clearly my years of experience playing professional football. My greatest weakness is my inability to listen to Coach Mully when he tries to explain how to throw and catch.
Could you comment on what your coach meant to the team: Coach Mully's dedication was unparalleled. Other coaches (specifically one very large, very tall, men's football captain) really didn't even compare in their preparation and insight into the game of Powderpuff football. Coach Mully is an inspiration to all.
Did you guys have any specific strategies: At the time, we weren't aware that strategy was involved in football.
What should a single guy know about you: Avery and I come as a package-deal.
What is your favorite position on the field: Um, on the ground?
Who was the go-to-girl on the team: Lauren Dentone. She knew how to pass and block and all those other things.
What were the reasons that you guys couldn't win it all: Shut up DeCastro, we did win. It just wasn't technically an official game.

Beat the Experts

Beat the "Experts" is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college athletics. Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well. If any game ends in a tie, it is not counted.

	Andrew DeCastro *Spectator* *Sports Editor*	Mike Osborne *Spectator* *Sports Editor*	Ian Mandel *Spectator* *News Editor*	Allison Davis *Spectator* *I&I Editor*	Kevin Galvin *Junior* *Guest #2*
Season Record:	**14-5**	**9-10**	**11-8**	**15-4**	**11-8**
College Basketball					
#1 Stanford @ UCLA 2/21	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
Temple @ #2 St. Joseph's 2/21	St. Joe's	St. Joe's	St. Joe's	St. Joe's	St. Joe's
Maryland @ #3 Duke 2/22	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
#20 Kansas @ #12 Texas 2/23	Kansas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Kansas
#18 N.C. State @ #16 Georgia Tech 2/23	N.C. State	Georgia Tech	N.C. State	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech
NBA					
Sacramento @ Toronto 2/22	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento
San Antonio @ Minnesota 2/22	Minnesota	Minnesota	San Antonio	Minnesota	San Antonio
Cleveland @ N.Y. Knicks 2/22	Knicks	Cleveland	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks
NHL					
Anaheim @ Dallas 2/22	Anaheim	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Detroit @ Vancouver 2/24	Vancouver	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you into the section. Write "I can beat the experts" on a sheet of paper with your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editors at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're selected randomly, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Women's basketball suffers loss to William Smith

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team was eliminated from the UCAA playoff race Tuesday night when they were defeated on the road by William Smith, the team with whom Hamilton was competing for the fourth and final playoff spot. Going into the game against William Smith, Hamilton was 5-6 in UCAA play thanks to an easy win against Vassar at home on February 13th and then a tough defeat to RPI on Valentine's Day. Hamilton rolled all over Vassar, the weakest team in the UCAA, on their way to a season sweep of the Brewers. RPI picked up a season sweep of the Continentals the following day. RPI jumped out to a big lead, but Hamilton fought back in the second half and managed to take the lead but only for a brief time before RPI went on a run to seal the game. Hamilton was fifth in the UCAA going into Tuesday's game against William Smith, who was fourth in the league with a record of 6-5. The loss dropped Hamilton to 5-7 in UCAA play while William Smith improved to 7-5 with only two league games remaining.

The women started the weekend off right by easily defeating Vassar at home. Hamilton controlled the game from start to finish, leading Vassar for all 40 minutes of play. At the half the women were up 40-21, and the second half was no different. Hamilton upped their lead even more, never allowing Vassar to get within 20 points as they coasted to a 79-45 win.

The only Hamilton starter to score in double digits was Jess Gorman who was 5-11 from the floor, good for 11 points. Tricia Czeski '05 led all scorers with 13 points coming off the bench. Czeski also grabbed five rebounds and had three steals. Freshmen Jill Regan and Maria Garvin each finished with 12 points for the Continentals. The win improved their record to 5-5 in league play, tying them for fourth in the league with William Smith.

Hamilton hoped that home court advantage this time around could help them steal a win from the Redbirds of RPI on Saturday. RPI came out strong in the first half, making basket after basket with the Continentals unable to stop them. They took a 43-29 lead into the half. The beginning of the second half was very similar for the RPI women, who scored quick baskets, upping their lead to 53-38. Hamilton did not give up though, and went on a run scoring 16 of the next 18 points in the game. They managed to take a two-point lead 58-56 but this did not last for the Hamilton women. RPI seemed to get their second wind half way through the second half and cruised to a 93-77 win.

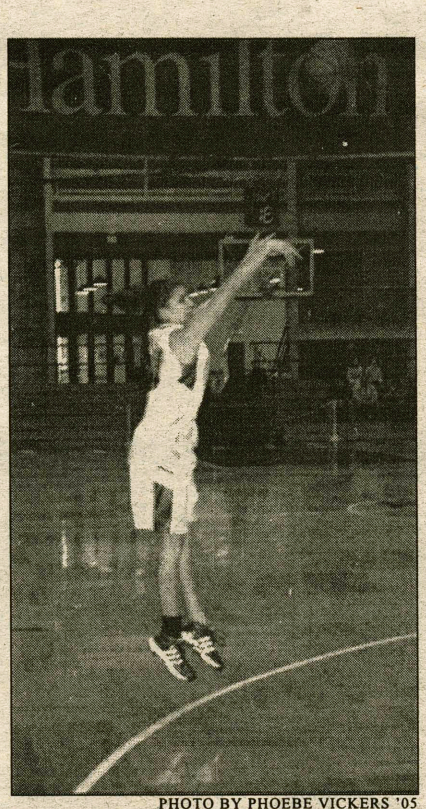

PHOTO BY PHOEBE VICKERS '05

Hamilton will be playing for pride this weekend at St. Lawrence and Clarkson.

When asked about the troubles late in the second half Alicia Giglio '06 said, "We dug ourselves such a hole in the first half that we had to expend a lot of energy to win back the lead. Toward the end of the second half we appeared tired from doing so and we began to play sloppy which allowed RPI to capitalize on our mistakes."

Kim Beevers '06 scored a career high 18 points in the loss while also grabbing nine boards. Jess Gorman hit three three-pointers and finished with 15 points in the loss. Holly Erick '04 and Jill Regan split the time at the center position. Erick finished with 15 points while Regan had 14 points and eight rebounds, both in just 19 minutes of play.

Hamilton knew the implications of the game while traveling to William Smith; win and they're in, lose and the season is over. Despite the importance of the game, the women seemed to come out flat. After scoring first, Hamilton never saw the lead again. William Smith rolled over the Continentals 72-49, who managed to shoot just 25% from the floor. With six minutes remaining, down 18 points in a must win game, it seemed as if Coach Diehl gave up, putting in freshmen subs rather than sticking to her experienced starters and bench players who have played well all season for the Continentals. The move was very questionable and it showed, as Hamilton never got back in the game, finishing with just 49 points, their lowest total of the season. The loss dropped the Continentals to 12-10 overall, 5-7 in the league.

Kim Beevers was the only Continental to score in double digits in the game finishing with 11 points while assisting on four more baskets and collecting seven rebounds. Jill Regan had eight points on the night while pulling down 5 rebounds and turning away 3 shots. Holly Erick also finished with eight points in the loss.

Hamilton goes on the road to finish up their 2003-2004 season. On Friday, February 20th, Hamilton will take on St. Lawrence, and then the Hamilton seniors will play their final collegiate game the next day when the team travels to Clarkson.

"We were obviously disappointed that we didn't make the tournament, but everyone wants a win against St. Lawrence, so everyone will come to play this weekend. Two big wins this weekend will be a nice way for us to end the season to show the league and ourselves that we are a strong team and that we should have won on Tuesday," commented Gorman.

Sports

Men's hockey earns two key NESCAC victories

Grady becomes winningest coach in Hamilton hockey history

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's hockey team took care of business this weekend, picking up much needed wins in NESCAC play. On Saturday, the Jumbos of Tufts University visited the Sage. Hamilton dominated the game throughout and won easily, 6-1. Hamilton spread the offense around, having six different player score, including Pat McGarry '07 recording his first collegiate goal on a top shelf slap shot from the point. Tom Ditzer tallied Hamilton's second goal '04, proving to be the game winner.

Even more important than the win was the fact that Saturday happened to be senior day for the Continentals. Jeff Corey '04, Andy Laskowski '04, Tom Ditzer '04, Dave Racine '04, Scott Gordon '04, and Matt Jones '04 were all honored before the drop of the puck. Perhaps the most significant of the senior honors was goaltender Matt Jones. Jones has stuck with the hockey program and provided much needed leadership on and off the ice. Jones received a well deserved ovation when he went in between the pipes in the third period. More athletes, collegiate or professional should adapt Jones' unselfish and team oriented attitude. Jones, as well as all of the seniors, will be missed by all next year for their contributions to the hockey program and more importantly the Hamilton community.

Goaltender Robbie MacNeil '05 continued his strong play between the pipes, stopping fifteen of the sixteen shots he faced. Since taking over for injured goalie Gabe Tash '06, MacNeil has used the time given to create a two-goalie tandem for Hamilton's upcoming regular season games as well as in the playoffs MacNeil commented on changing his preparation before games as a main ingredient for his success of late.

PHOTO BY BOBBY CPIN '05

Hamilton looks to continue to celebrate this weekend versus Bowdoin and Colby as they seek a home playoff game.

"In terms of preparation I've been concentrating more on winning the games as opposed to worrying or focusing on the amount of goals I let in. I think I've become a much less selfish player. As a result I've been playing better. The numbers will take care of themselves, the win is what's most important."

On Friday night, Hamilton beat Connecticut College, 5-2. After being down 2-1 after the first period of play, Hamilton responded by scored four unanswered goals, eliminating any hopes of an upset at Sage Rink. Even though MacNeil let up two goals early on, he managed to get the win.

"During games I've been taking the same approach. I'm focused on the win, nothing else. If I let in an early goal, I brush it off and concentrate on the next play. As a result in the games when I've let in an early goal I have bounced back to either give the team a chance to win or to shut the other team down all together."

Almost overshadowed by Hamilton's two victories over the weekend, Coach Grady became the most winningest coach in Hamilton Hockey history. Captain Andy Laskowski had some comments about helping Grady achieve this monumental feat during his senior year.

"[Coach Grady] didn't tell the players about the record. It was the senior's final regular season home game and he didn't want to take away from their night. It truly shows what a committed and team oriented coach he is to have done that. As for the record, to have done this in the hardest conference in D3 hockey, it's quite an accomplishment."

This weekend the Continentals make the dreaded Maine trip to face the Mules of Colby College and the Polar Bears of Bowdoin College. It should be noted, however, that Hamilton can control its own destiny with wins this weekend. If Hamilton wins both games, they are ensured a home game in the opening round of the playoffs. If the Conts are unable to beat Bowdoin, and beat Colby, they can still get a home game if Colby loses to Amherst on Friday night.

Captain Jeff Corey had his final thoughts on the upcoming games in Maine.

"We've proven that we can hang with the best teams in the country this year. We know and are confident that if we bring our full game to the table this weekend, that we can beat both of these teams. If you look at the standings, 2 points separate 2nd and 6th, and on any given night, any of those teams can beat one another."

Women's hockey on a three game win streak

Team continues to battle for home playoff game this weekend

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This weekend marks a very important time for the hockey programs here at Hamilton College. While the men's team will travel to Maine for games at Bowdoin and Colby, the women's team will be here on the Hill battling for not only a playoff spot, but also for a chance to host a first round game. The Lady Conts earned this opportunity as a result of their recent three game win streak. This past week, the Lady Conts have defeated Division I Sacred Heart two times, as well as cross-town rival Utica College.

Saturday night's game sparked the start of Hamilton's offensive outburst as they defeated Sacred Heart 4-0. Hamilton opened the scoring just under two and a half minutes into the first period on a goal by Jane Bradley '06. Bradley's goal was assisted by Marissa Halligan '05.

After a scoreless second period, the Lady Conts dominated the third period play, as they put three goals on the board. Zoe Baldwin '06 started the scoring in the third period, and Marissa Halligan ended the scoring with two goals. Eden Self '04 picked up an assist on Baldwin's goal.

Hamilton put forth a strong defensive effort as a team, and Connelly was credited with the victory as she turned aside all fifteen shots that she faced.

Coach Shannon Bryant commented on the strong defensive effort by saying, "we pressured the puck and supported each other well in the defensive zone. This created more turnovers and less cohesiveness for Sacred Heart."

PHOTO BY KATIE WEGLARZ '07

The women's hockey team will look to continue putting the puck in the back of the net this weekend.

The Lady Conts continued their offensive outburst last Sunday afternoon, as they lit up the scoreboard and won 10-2. Hamilton exploded for four unanswered goals in the first period and never looked back. Hamilton had seven different goal scorers as Erica Colligan '06, Lindsay Bartz '07, Eden Self, Zoe Baldwin, Tierney Boisvert '07, Marissa Halligan, and Jane Bradley all picked up goals on the afternoon. Self, Baldwin, and Boisvert each scored two goals. In addition to her goal, Marissa Halligan picked up three assists.

The confidence and momentum that the Lady Conts built over last weekend carried over into their game on Tuesday night against the Pioneers of Utica College. With a little confidence and momentum, the Lady Conts were able to revenge their loss and defeat the Pioneers in an exciting game by a score of 2-1.

Utica jumped out to a 1-0 lead after one period, but the Lady Conts responded with a goal in the second period, and the game-winning goal in the third to pull out the victory. Eden Self, assisted by Kristina Carroll and Alex Koerte '04, scored Hamilton's first goal. Zoe Baldwin, with assists going to Self and Sarah Baldwin, scored the game-winning goal with just over twelve minutes to play in the game. The defense and goaltender Caitlin Connelly shut down the Pioneers over the final twelve minutes to secure the victory. Overall, Connelly was credited with 30 saves to earn her seventh victory of the season.

Coach Bryant was very pleased with her team's performance against Utica, and she shared her feelings on the game by saying, "It is always a physical, two way game with them. They have an excellent team with depth. We are playing our systems well and everyone is contributing in all zones. I think the weekend helped build our confidence and that has been a piece that we have been missing. Overall, we played a solid game of hockey in all zones, as a team."

The Lady Conts look to ride the momentum that they have built recently into this coming weekend where they have a key doubleheader with the Camels of Connecticut College.

With playoff implications looming, the Lady Conts will look to come out and play their best hockey of the season. Their play with be their best and most passionate as they look to host a game in the first round of the NESCAC playoffs. In order to help the Lady Conts be successful, they need our support. So let's Rage the Sage this weekend, and cheer the Lady Conts on to victory and into a top spot for the upcoming NESCAC playoffs.